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KSLSA suggests extending rebate on traffic fines for 15 more days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) on Tuesday decided to recommend to the State government to extend 50% rebate in fines for traffic violations for 15 days more from the date of issuance of a fresh notification.

The decision was taken during the meeting chaired by B. Veerappa, executive chairperson of the KSLSA, following a request made by the Bengaluru city police and a large number of requests received from the public for extending 50% rebate for some more time.

The meeting was attended by M.A. Saleem, Special Police Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru city.

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I-T teams 'survey' BBC offices over 'violation' of laws

Action comes just weeks after the BBC released film on Gujarat riots; BJP says 'some sections can't digest India's growing heft on the world stage'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department on Tuesday conducted a 'survey' at the offices of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in Delhi and Mumbai over a "charge of deliberate non-compliance with Indian laws, including transfer pricing rules and diversion of profits illegally".

The move comes just weeks after the BBC released a two-part documentary, *India: the Modi Question,* pertaining to the 2002 Gujarat riots and Narendra Modi's years as Prime Minister.

High alert: Media persons wait outside the BBC's office where an I-T 'survey' was being conducted. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The BBC said it was fully cooperating with the officials. "The Income Tax authorities are currently at the BBC offices in New Delhi and Mumbai and we are fully cooperating. We hope to have this situation resolved as soon as possible," a BBC spokesperson said.

The ruling BJP at the Centre termed the action "lawful" and said that "some sections can't digest India's growing heft on the world stage".

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Wholesale inflation eased to 4.7% in January

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's wholesale price inflation cooled further in January to a two-year low of 4.73% from 4.95% in December, thanks to a slight decline in manufactured products' price rise and fuel and power inflation, even as pace of inflation in food and primary articles hardened sequentially.

January marks the eighth successive month of sequential moderation in wholesale inflation, since it peaked at 16.63% in May 2022. It was helped in no small measure by base effects as January 2022 had recorded a 13.7% surge in wholesale prices.

Cereals inflation at the wholesale level sped to the highest level in nine-and-a-half years to hit 15.5% in January.

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Anti-encroachment drive in J&K halted after Centre steps in

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The month-long anti-encroachment drive in Jammu and Kashmir to retrieve government land has been halted following an intervention by the Union Home Ministry, a government source told *The Hindu*.

The J&K administration has been asked to issue notices and give proper hearing to residents before arriving with bulldozers.

The J&K administration was told to issue notices before showing up with bulldozers.

A J&K administration official, however, denied that the drive had been halted, and said that "geo-tagging and geo-referencing" of the retrieved land was going on. The official said the drive to recover public land was being done as per a 2020 order of the J&K High Court to scrap the Jammu and Kashmir State Land (Vesting Ownership to the Occupants) Act, popularly known as the Roshni Act.

The court, in an order on October 9, 2020, directed that details of "State land in unauthorised occupation" should be disclosed on the government's website, along with the names of the beneficiaries under the Roshni Act.

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Mudigere MLA convicted

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A special court has convicted M.P. Kumaraswamy, BJP MLA for Mudigere, in eight cheque dishonour cases and sentenced him to pay ₹1.23 crore to the complainant failing which he will have to undergo a imprisonment of six months in each case. » Page 9

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State government inks agreement with private company for Nandi Hills ropeway project

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It appears that the ropeway project at Nandi Hills – that had remained on paper for decades – is inching closer to reality.

The officials of the Tourism Department said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai would be laying the foundation stone for the project at the popular tourist destination tentatively in the last week of February or the first week of March.

This comes in the backdrop of the Department of Tourism signing a concession agreement for developing a passenger ropeway with Dyanamicx Ropeway Private Limited.

> The Tourism Department will provide the land needed and take care of various clearances required for the project, including safety and security.
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> **V. RAM PRASATH MANOHAR**
> Director, Tourism Department

> An environment-friendly transportation facility like ropeway will save the time taken to reach Nandi Hills and reduce pollution in the area.
>
> **KAPIL MOHAN**
> Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department

The ropeway will benefit around 30,000-50,000 people who visit the hills daily, with the numbers peaking around the weekend and holidays.

"The Tourism Department will provide the land needed and take care of various clearances required for the project, including safety and security. While the project will begin on the department land for now, there will also be an option to change the alignment to reduce the impact on the forest land," said V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Director, Tourism Department.

He added that the project would put the area on the international tourism map. "This project will bring jobs and income to the locals, as well as bring in some revenue for the government. In addition, it will also help to reduce pollution in the hills and assist us in our mission to promote sustainable tourism," he said.

The department also plans to develop certain revenue-generating and non-revenue-generating facilities at the upper and lower landing stations.

"These facilities would also cater to tourists staying at hotels and accommodation facilities around the location. Parking facilities for two-wheelers, four-wheelers, rental vehicles, and ATMs have been planned at the foothills," said a press release from the department.

The project, with an alignment of around 2.93 km, is being developed at a cost of ₹93.4 crore on a PPP basis. The company will provide the Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT) framework with a concession period of 30 years.

Kapil Mohan, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department, said, "A fast and environment-friendly transportation facility like ropeway will save the time taken to reach Nandi Hills and reduce pollution in the area, apart from offering a scenic aerial view of the surrounding area."

Two tigers that killed three people in Mysuru captured

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Two tigers that attacked and killed three persons in Mysuru in the recent past were tranquillised and captured in Nagarahole on Tuesday.

While one tiger was involved in the death of two persons – a tribal man and his grandson – within a span of 12 hours between Sunday and Monday near Kutta, another tiger had attacked and killed a youth at Balle in the D.B. Kuppe range of Nagarahole last month.

B.N.N. Murthy, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, said that over 150 people were deployed near Kutta for the combing operations, which commenced soon after a tribal boy named Chetan was killed by the tiger on Sunday evening.

One of the two tigers that was captured on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

But the same tiger attacked and killed Chetan's grandfather Raju on Monday morning and the authorities were under pressure to shoot and kill the animal. However, relentless combing operation led the staff to zero-in on the tiger.

Mr. Murthy said both the tigers were found to be injured. Veterinarians were successful in darting and tranquillising them.

Dasara elephant Abhimanyu, assisted by three elephants at Kutta, Arjuna assisted by two elephants at D.B. Kuppe, besides 30 field staff, were part of the operations.

The elephants scoured the vegetation and sniffed out the tigers which were darted by the veterinarians and tranquillised.

The tigers were shifted to Chamundi Wild Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli on the outskirts of Mysuru.

Cricketer's feat catches attention of greats

Tendulkar calls it 'footballer's instinct', while Michael Vaughan describes it as a 'Kung Fu catch'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Cricketers all over the world are applauding a young man's incredible catch during a cricket match in Belagavi.

When the batsmen hit the ball, Kiran Terlekar ran to the boundary line and tried to catch the ball. He caught the ball, but threw it in the air on realising that he was losing his balance, and was going to step outside the boundary. He then regained his composure, and saw that the ball was about to fall outside the boundary. Before the ball could hit the ground, he jumped and kicked it upwards and inside the boundary, with his right foot. The ball was caught by his team mate, who was well within the boundary.

A video grab of the clip showing Kiran Tarlekar in action during a cricket match in Belagavi.

This action took place during a match in the Chashak 2022 tournament organised by local clubs on February 12. The match was being played between SRS Hindustani Nippani and Sairaj Cricket Club of Belagavi.

A clip of the feat was shared by friends of Terlekar.

It was watched by, among others, cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, who praised the effort. Tendulkar called it "a footballer's instinct". "This is what happens when you have footballers playing cricket," he said.

Others who watched the clip include Michael Vaughan, former captain of the England cricket team, and Jimmy Neesham of New Zealand.

Vaughan described the feat as a 'Kung Fu kick'.

Terlekar is a cricket coach and a postgraduate student of physical education at Raibag in Belagavi district. He was overwhelmed by the recognition for his feat. He hopes to complete his course this year, and aspires to coach students in cricket at a college or a university.

U.S. Air Force's 'Bone' lands at Aero India

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

United States Air Force (USAF) has added two more aircraft to its fleet at Aero India 2023. The second day of Aero India saw the arrival of two supersonic heavy bombers – the B-1B Lancer.

B-1B Lancer, also known as 'Bone' (for B-one), carries the largest conventional payload of both guided and unguided weapons in the USAF, and is considered the backbone of America's long-range bomber force.

The two B-1B Lancers arrived from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. This is the second time that the long-range, supersonic, heavy bomber is participating in Aero India.

During the last edition in 2021, one B-1B Lancer did a fly-by over the Air Force Station at Yelahanka after a 28-hour flight from the Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

Two B-1B Lancer supersonic heavy bombers of the U.S. Air Force taking to the sky on the second day of Aero India 2023, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The US Consulate General said that the return of the long-range, supersonic, heavy bomber to India to participate in Aero India 2023 underscores the importance the United States places on the growing strategic partnership with India. "The B-1 offers flexible options to senior leaders and combatant commanders. Greater integration with our allies and partners throughout the region is a positive step towards greater interoperability," said Major General Julian C. Cheater, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (International Affairs) of the US Air Force.

Rear Admiral Michael Baker, Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché at the U.S. embassy in New Delhi, said, "The bombers made the journey from South Dakota to Guam, and then to India just to add another exciting dimension to Aero India 2023. "It's a long mission to travel from the continental U.S. to the Indian Ocean, but it was worth being part of the biggest air show in the region, hosted by our major defense partner, India. The U.S. and India continue to deepen defense cooperation. We have two great militaries that are even better when we work together."

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Pakistan raises price of natural gas to revive IMF bailout scheme

112 The percentage by which the Pakistan government increased the price of natural gas from 16% in a bid to revive a $6 billion bailout from the IMF. The latest development comes after Pakistan agreed to impose new taxes of 170 billion rupees for a bailout. Economists predict Pakistan's inflation rate of 26% could jump to 40% because of the new taxes. AP

Russian rouble slips to a 10-month low against U.S. dollar

0.1 The percentage by which the Russian rouble weakened against the U.S. dollar at 73.93. The rouble's weakening from around the 68 mark to the dollar in mid-January to current levels is mainly due to lower foreign currency revenue inflows from hydrocarbon exports and a continued recovery in imports. The rouble lost 0.6% to trade at 79.52 versus the euro. REUTERS

Fintech firm PhonePe raises $100 million at a $12 billion valuation

100 The amount in million dollars raised by fintech firm PhonePe in primary capital from new investors Ribbit Capital and TVS Capital Funds with participation from existing investor Tiger Global, at a pre-money valuation of $12 billion. PhonePe plans to launch and aggressively scale new businesses like lending and stockbroking. PTI

EU to propose a huge cut in CO2 emissions for trucks from 2040

90 The percentage by which the European Union will propose to cut emissions for new trucks from 2040 to help mitigate climate change. The aim is to bring the transport sector in line with the EU's goal to have zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It comes after the 27-nation bloc last year agreed to a 2035 deadline for new cars to be CO2-free. REUTERS

Air India to procure planes from French manufacturer Airbus

250 The number of planes Air India has agreed to buy from Airbus, including 210 narrowbody planes and 40 widebody aircraft. The deal is part of a huge order by Air India for 470 planes which is expected to also include an order for 220 planes from Boeing as it heralds an decade-long expansion. REUTERS

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Leveraging J&K's lithium reserves

What is the significance of the new 5.9 million tonnes inferred resources of lithium discovered in Jammu & Kashmir? What are the environmental concerns around its extraction procedure? What are the geostrategic implications considering the geopolitical sensitivity of the area?

EXPLAINER

Prakash Kashwan
Dhanasree Jayaram

The story so far:

News of the discovery of "5.9 million tonnes inferred resources of lithium" in the Salal-Haimana area of Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir, by the Geological Survey of India has been received as a game-changer in India's impending transition to a green economy. The term 'inferred' refers to the 'preliminary exploration stage', the second of a four-step process, according to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Exploration) Act 1957.

Why is this significant?

Lithium-ion batteries are used in wind turbines, solar panels, and electric vehicles, all of which are crucial in a green economy.

A World Bank study suggests that the demand for critical metals such as lithium (Li) and cobalt is expected to rise by nearly 500% by 2050. While "the global electric vehicle market is projected to reach $823.75 billion by 2030, registering a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18.2% from 2021 to 2030," India's market is projected to register a CAGR of 23.76% by 2028. India is seeking to secure its critical mineral supplies and build self-sufficiency in this sector.

As India currently imports all of its Li from Australia and Argentina and 70% of its Li-ion cell requirement from China and Hong Kong, the lithium reserves in J&K could boost the domestic battery-manufacturing industry. If the perceived size of the mineral reserves in J&K is borne out by further exploration, India could jump ahead of China vis-à-vis its Li stockpile.

The J&K reserves will also help advance the Indian government's ambitious plan of "30% EV penetration in private cars, 70% for commercial vehicles, and 80% for two and three-wheelers by 2030 for the automobile industry." They will strengthen India's National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage as well.

What are the geostrategic concerns?

Critical mineral dependencies constitute a major geostrategic concern in the transition to net-zero carbon energy systems. In the present scenario, as countries seek to avoid dependencies and vulnerabilities related to critical minerals, the latter are likely to be at least as important as oil and gas in the near future. A high level of dependence on China for Li and other crucial metals and their derivatives are also perceived to be sources of energy security risks.

China currently controls 77% of the global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity and is home to six of the world's 10 manufacturing companies. As a result, the EU, the U.S., Canada, India, and other major economies have been trying to leverage alternative supplies that can challenge China's geopolitical dominance in this area. For example, responding to perceived national security concerns, the Canadian government has asked Chinese companies to divest from Canadian lithium-mining companies.

The growing geopolitical rivalry with China makes India's security considerations more immediate as well, especially also in light of the longstanding, and recently escalating, territorial and border disputes. To reduce dependence on China, the Indian government and industry are pushing for a 'Rare Earths Mission' to exploit the country's critical mineral reserves, which account for 6% of the world's rare-earths' reserves prior to the discovery of Li in J&K.

Glimpse of the future: Villagers show lithium stones in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday. PTI

The new discovery has more geostrategic implications considering the geopolitical sensitivity of its wider location. Although Reasi is in the relatively more stable Jammu region, the Union territory of J&K has been the site of historical cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan, domestic insurgency, and terrorism. If the local populace isn't meaningfully engaged in the impending Li extraction project, the resulting tension could introduce new frontiers of socio-environmental conflict.

What are the environmental effects?

The applications of Li in renewable energy infrastructure often obscures its significant environmental consequences. Extracting Li from hard rock mines, similar to what has already been proposed in J&K, entails open-pit-mining followed by roasting the ore using fossil fuels. Industry estimates suggest that this process consumes 170 cubic metres of water and releases 15 tonnes of CO_2 for every tonne of Li extracted.

Open-pit-mining, refining, and waste disposal from these processes substantially degrade the environment, including depleting and contaminating waterways and groundwater, diminishing biodiversity, and releasing considerable air pollution. This said, the geological context of mining in J&K differs from Australia, which has the largest Li stock in hard rock mines, in one major way.

In Australia, Li-bearing pegmatite deposits are found in the ancient geological regions of Pilbara and Yilgarn cratons, whose continental rocks have been stable for over a billion years. The Himalaya on the other hand is the youngest mountain range in the world and is much more unstable (as evidenced by the ongoing tragedy in Joshimath). Incidents of land sinking have also been reported from a village in Doda district in Chenab valley, which extends to some parts of Reasi.

In the densely populated context of India, the socio-environmental effects of mining are likely to be far worse than they have been in Australia and likely comparable to lithium extraction in South America.

What can we learn from South America?

As India embarks on this new journey, it could learn from the experiences of South American countries, especially the 'lithium triangle' of Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina, which contain roughly half the world's known Li. In Bolivia and Chile, Li extraction has been either in the hands of the state or requires mining companies to enter into a contract with state-owned companies.

In April 2022, Mexican lawmakers introduced reforms to create a state-owned entity to extract, process and sell Li and outlaw all direct private investment and production in the Li sector. Even so, Li mining has had adverse socio-environmental consequences in the region, testing its laws meant to protect Indigenous peoples.

In 2019, Chile's environmental regulators approved a $25-million compliance plan for Li miner SQM, charged with overdrawing Li-rich brine from the Salar de Atacama salt flat. However, the company failed to satisfy authorities, who reversed their decision in 2020. In September 2021, the Atacama Indigenous Council appealed to regulators citing "constant danger" and called for the "temporary suspension" of SQM's environmental approvals.

In August 2022, Chilean regulators approved an updated compliance plan worth $52 million, in which SQM proposed to work with both the regulator and local communities to address environmental infractions.

Indigenous resistance and increased awareness of the environmental impact of Li-mining has prompted global carmakers, including Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen, to look for Li mined with the lowest socio-ecological impact. Other corporations are making similar amends. Battery Mineral Resources Corp. recently signed an agreement with the Comunidad Agricola Potrerillos Alto and the Comunidad Agricola Punitaqui. Another mining giant, Monumental Minerals, signed an agreement with the Ayquina-Turi Indigenous Community in Chile for 40 exploration concessions totaling 8,500 hectares at the Salar de Turi Li project.

While such comparisons must account for inter-regional differences, these developments point to the importance of a strong regulatory apparatus that can address both the environmental and the social consequences of Li mining.

What safeguards does India's mining sector have?

State government officials in J&K have said plans for Li exploration will involve local communities, who will also be prioritised for jobs in exploration and mine development. Yet employment in mining may not fully offset the consequences on local agriculture, animal husbandry, and tourism.

In recognition of the local effects of mining, in 2015, the Lok Sabha amended the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 to establish the 'District Mineral Foundation' (DMF). The DMF is a non-profit statutory 'trust' for every Indian district affected by mining-related operations that should "work for the interest and benefit of persons, and areas affected by mining-related operations". In practice, the DMFs have become sites of centralised bureaucratic control, without meaningful public participation or accountability.

For example, a CAG audit in May 2022 noted that the District Collectors of Bokaro, Dhanbad, and Ranchi incurred an expense of ₹1,568.04 crore from DMF funds, without identifying the areas affected by mining or a list of affected people. Ironically, the auditors were denied access to documents related to the functioning of the State-Level Monitoring Committee.

The general failure of DMFs adds to concerns expressed by environmentalists and concerned citizens about the recent history of weakening of the environmental impact assessment framework.

The geostrategic importance of Li exploration and extraction makes it even more important that the exploration and extraction of resources should be done in the public interest, and must preempt any serious environmental and social problems. Equally importantly, the most effective use of Li reserves should be for the most important parts of the renewable-energy transition, which would also aid the goals of addressing energy poverty and sustainable development.

To these ends, reducing luxury consumption and promoting public transport should also be an important part of the agenda of a just transition.

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THE GIST

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INBRIEF

IISc., other institutes win cash prizes from Boeing

Seven teams comprising university students and early-stage start-up entrepreneurs have emerged winners in the second edition of the Boeing University Innovation Leadership Development (BUILD) programme 2022-23. Winning teams received ₹10 lakh each as cash prize, and their ideas ranged from solutions for community development, defence and space industry, to sustainability. Winning teams and ideas were chosen from over 800 ideas submitted by over 1,600 students and start-up entrepreneurs from across India. Winners will be further supported by Boeing and the respective incubator partner for over six months, to help develop their ideas into market-ready and viable business solutions.

ITI showcases telecom, electronic equipment

ITI Ltd. said it was showcasing a wide range of telecom and electronic equipment at Aero India. The products include IP Encryptors, Digital Mobile Radio, 4G RAN, Optical Fibre Cable, Micro PC, Laptops, Data Centre, High Density Polyethylene Duct Manufacturing, Smart Energy Meters, and Smart Banking Cards. Rakesh Chandra Tiwari, Chairman and MD of ITI, said ITI Ltd. brought a spectrum of electronic and telecom manufacturing and digitalised solutions and services based on modern technology, ranging from Printed Circuit Boards manufacturing to 3D printing and from Digital Mobile Radio to Data Centres.

India won't deal with security issues in old paternalistic or neo-colonial paradigms: Rajnath

We do not believe in giving sermons or cut-and-dried solutions, which do not respect the national values and constraints of the countries in need of assistance, says the Defence Minister in his address at the Defence Ministers' conclave

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reaffirming India's stand for a rules-based international order, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said that India does not believe in giving sermons to countries in need of assistance.

"India does not believe in dealing with security issues in the old paternalistic or neo-colonial paradigms. We consider all nations as equal partners. That is why we do not believe in imposing external or supra national solutions to a country's internal problems. We do not believe in giving sermons or cut-and-dried solutions, which do not respect the national values and constraints of the countries in need of assistance," he said in his address at the Defence Ministers' conclave. He said: "Rather, we support the capacity building of our partner countries, so that they may chart out their own destiny, in accordance with their own genius."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari, and Chief of Army Staff Gen. Manoj Pande release booklets on Indian Air Force on the second day of Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru on Tuesday. PTI

Mr. Singh said: "The primordial instinct of the might being right is replaced by the civilisational concept of fairness, cooperation, respect, and equality amongst all sovereign nations." He asserted that untethered to any faction or alliance of one group of nations against another, India has worked ceaselessly for the upliftment of all nations, especially developing ones.

No top-down approach

The Defence Minister said that there are nations which are richer, militarily or technologically, more advanced than others, but it does not give them the right to dictate their solutions to the nations in need of support. "This top-down approach towards solving problems has never been sustainable in the long run and it often leads to debt trap, reaction from the local population, conflict, and so on," he said

Defence and Deputy Defence Ministers of 27 countries, 15 Defence and Service Chiefs and 12 Permanent Secretaries from 80 countries participated in the conclave on the theme "Shared prosperity through enhanced engagements in Defence."

'Several theories of physics part of Vedic literature'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that India had research tradition for thousands of years, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said that ancient India's contribution to the world is being taught worldwide.

"India's contribution to the world included zero. What you call as Pythagoras theorem had been propagated by Bodayan Rishi years before it. Ancient literature has dealt in what can be interpreted as Big Bang theory. Several theories of physics is part of Vedic literature," he claimed at the seminar on "Indigenous development of futuristic aerospace technologies and way forward for development of indigenous aero engines."

'State keen to build ecosystem for production of aircraft'

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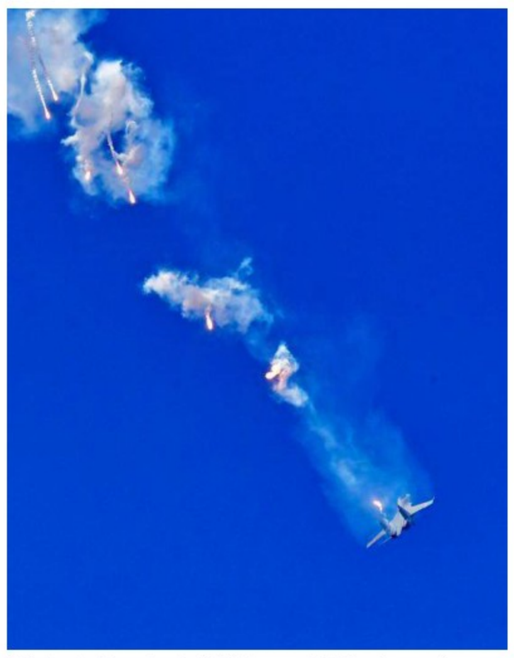
Karnataka government is keen to provide infrastructure to develop ecosystem that will help production of commercial or passenger aircraft as part of 'Make in India', said Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development.

Speaking at 'Destination Karnataka: U.S.-India defence cooperation, Innovation and Make India' seminar on Tuesday, she said that Karnataka has already been a hub for aerospace and defence industry with about 25% of country's aerospace industry located here.

"While the aero space park near Devanahalli is helping the industry grow, a second phase is being developed.

"The aerospace SEZ at Belagavi is ready for allotment. We are also promoting other cities such as Tumakuru, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar for industrial development," she said, adding that large defence PSUs such as HAL, BEML, and BHEL helped the State become a pioneer in aerospace development.

Aviation spectacle



(Clockwise from top left) Visitors and delegates on the second day of Aero India 2023 at IAF Yelahanka Airforce Station in Bengaluru on Tuesday; Indian Air Force aerobatic team 'Suryakiran'; U.S. Air Force's F-35 Lightning II; Indian Air Force aerobatic team Sarang; and Indian Air Force Sukhoi MKI fires flares while performing. K. MURALI KUMAR

HAL close to clinching LCA Tejas deal with Argentina and Egypt

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Argentina and Egypt have evinced interest in Tejas, the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Speaking to reporters at the ongoing Aero India 2023 on Tuesday, HAL chairman & Managing Director C.B. Ananthakrishnan said that the PSU has made proposals for the sale of 15 Tejas aircraft to Argentina and 20 aircraft to Egypt.

"Both Argentina and Egypt have shown interest in the Tejas aircraft. Two teams from Argentina have visited us, and they are quite convinced about the product. An air force team from Argentina has flown the aircraft. A contract is likely to be signed soon," said Mr Ananthakrishnan.

Setback with Malaysia

Apart from these two countries, HAL is pursuing a deal with Malaysia for the supply of 18 Tejas aircraft against a global tender issued by the Malaysian Ministry of Defence a few years ago.

However, despite being shortlisted, Tejas has suffered a setback as Malaysia is said to be keen on the South Korean aircraft FA-50 Golden Eagle.

"With Malaysia, we are one of the shortlisted companies, and were very sure of taking that contract, but there has been a slight setback. Even though we have not received anything in black and white, what we are hearing is that the Koreans are likely to get the order. Notwithstanding that, we continue to pursue this deal with Malaysia," Mr. Ananthakrishnan said.

In August 2022, HAL had set up an office in Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia, for tapping new business opportunities for LCA and other requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force, like Su-30 MKM and Hawk upgrades. Mr. Ananthakrishnan said that HAL's finances are in good health with an order book of ₹84,000 crore, and an additional ₹50,000 crore plus orders in the pipeline.

LCA-Mk2 production by 2027, 10 years for development of fifth generation fighter AMCA

Dinakar Peri
BENGALURU

The more capable indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk2 is expected to be ready for production by 2027 while the fifth generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is awaiting approval from the Cabinet Committee on Security and the development would take 10 years after that, said Director General of Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) Girish S. Deodhare on Tuesday.

Another ambitious project, the Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF) to operate off the Navy's aircraft carriers was expected to take first flight by 2026 and expected to be ready for production by 2031, Dr. Deodhare said speaking to the media at Aero India.

The Indian Air Force is looking for six LCA-Mk2 squadrons and seven Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft squadrons. A fighter squadrons typically has 18 aircraft

The AMCA was in the Critical Design Review phase, he said. The project cost was estimated to be around ₹15,000 crore.

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25-tonne twin engine

The AMCA is envisaged as a 25-tonne twin engine stealth aircraft with internal weapons bay and Diverterless Supersonic Intake which has been developed in India for the first time. The TEDBF is envisaged as a twin engine medium weight fighter with an all up weight of 26 tonnes and wing folding.

The ADA is drawing lessons from the Naval variant of LCA to build the TEDBF.

Two LCA (Navy) prototypes were currently flying and a third prototype is getting ready, Dr. Deodhare said.

In 2017, the Navy had floated Request For Information to procure 57 twin engine carrier fighter which is now set to downsized to around 26 including few twin seater trainer variants, with the TEDBF in the pipeline.

In January 2020, the DRDO had demonstrated successful arrested landing of Naval Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) on INS Vikramaditya and subsequently, 18 take-offs and landings were conducted in five days.

Earlier this month, the LCA (Navy) also undertook maiden landing on the indigenous carrier INS Vikrant,

In a few months

The Navy currently has MiG-29Ks for carrier operations and till the TEDBF is ready is looking at the procurement of an advanced fighter, between the Boeing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and the Dassault Aviation Rafale, expected to be announced in the next few months.

HAL removes Hanuman sticker from Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) removed a sticker of Lord Hanuman from the scale model of Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT), which is being developed by the PSU and is on display at its indoor pavilion at Aero India 2023.

Tail of the aircraft

The sticker was on the tail of the aircraft, along with the slogan 'The Storm Is Coming', on the inaugural day of the five-day airshow. However, it was removed on Tuesday, the second day of the event.

When HAL chairman & Managing Director C.B. Ananthakrishnan was asked about the intention behind putting the sticker, he explained that the intention was to show the powers of the aircraft.

'Nothing specific'

"There used to be an HAL aircraft called HF-24 Marut. HLFT-42 was derived from HF-24 Marut. There is nothing specific to derive from the image," he said.

He added that the image was removed as the company thought that it is too premature to put any image on the aircraft tail.

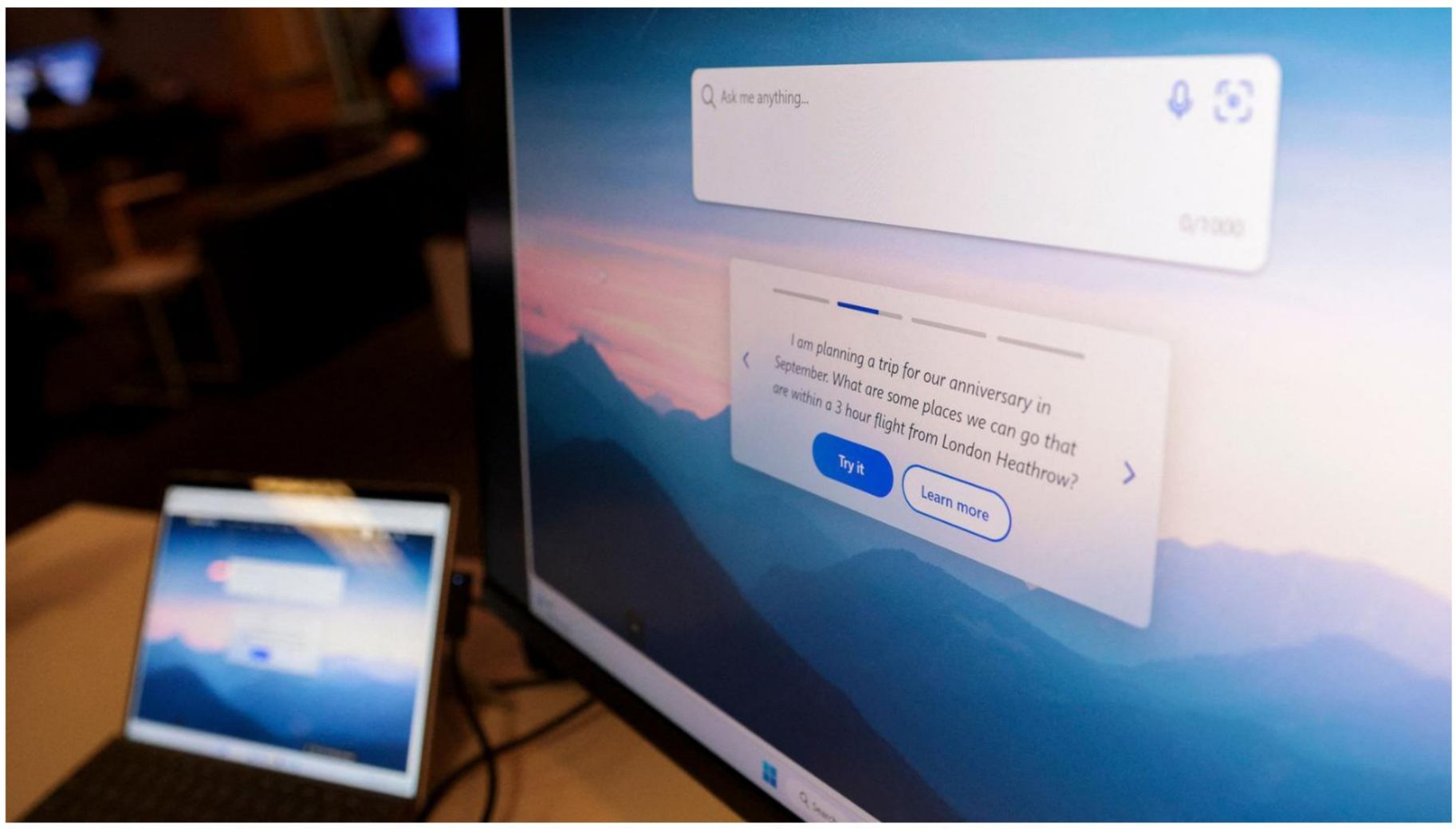
"We had an internal discussion, and decided to remove the sticker," Mr. Ananthakrishnan said.

Before and after: The sticker of Lord Hanuman was removed from the tail of HAL's supersonic trainer aircraft HLFT-42, at Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru onTuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

CACHE

Can Microsoft succeed in clawing back the search leadership from Google?

For the longest time, Google spearheaded algorithmic search and redefined the web browsing experience on the Internet. However, the search giant seems to be on shaky grounds after Microsoft integrated the AI-capable ChatGPT into its Bing search engine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I am planning a trip for our anniversary in September. What are some places we can go that are within a 3 hour flight from London Heathrow?
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Early mover: With the unveiling of the ChatGPT powered Bing, more people could flock to the search engine putting Microsoft in an advantageous position. AFP

John Xavier

Microsoft has thrown down the gauntlet to Google with its $10 billion check to OpenAI, the artificial intelligence research firm behind ChatGPT and DALL-E. The investment is targeted at packing AI capabilities into Microsoft's search, software and cloud systems over the next few years. And, at the top of that list is making Bing search engine ChatGPT compatible.

Microsoft is clearly looking to disrupt Internet search as we know it, and in that process, plans to claw back the browser market share it lost to Google more than a decade ago. The announcement from the Windows software maker has certainly made the search giant anxious. And the Alphabet-owned company has reacted with Bard – a conversational AI powered by the search giant's language model. The company has made its search AI available to a select group of users before the general public gets a flavour of its capabilities.

Bard is powered by Language Model for Dialogue Applications (LaMDA), which is built on the Transformer architecture. The credit for this neural network-build goes to Google. In fact, this is the same architecture used by several other language models, including Open AI's ChatGPT and Meta's Blender Bot. The company based out of Mountain View, California, has been leading the industry on several innovative web tools, starting from its web search.

Google pioneered algorithmic search that transformed the way we use Internet. The Silicon Valley giant developed a new way to search the web with its eponymous search engine, enabling users to access information at the click of a button. Around the time when Apple unveiled its iPhone, Google launched its web browser that redefined browsing experience.

For people browsing with the unhip Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome was like a breath of fresh air. The two other prominent browsers, Apple's Safari and Mozilla's FireFox, ran on the same legacy code that powered Microsoft's web browser.

A new perspective

Google looked at the browser in a totally new way, allowing Chrome users to run various web-based applications. Its sandboxing feature handled workload as a series of multiple processes instead of a single large process. This helped it keep its browser from crashing, which was common issue with other browsers of that time. Chrome was gradually deployed on Windows and Linux PCs.

By 2013, Google Chrome cornered roughly a third of the desktop browser market, and it was gaining more users. But it was still not an important player in the mobile browser market. That's when the Google veteran behind its browser push was named the head of Android, a move that made the search giant's ambition clear: mobile browsing is the next phase of growth.

The company gradually integrated the fragmented mobile software market with its Android OS and Play Store. That solidified Google's position in the smartphone market, and also paved the way for CEO Sundar Pichai to take the helm of affairs at Google's parent Alphabet Inc.

Fast forward to January 2023, Google leads the browser market with 65.4% market share, according to data analytics site Statcounter. Microsoft's Edge and Mozilla's Firefox have a combined share of less than 10%.

AdTech backbone

Driving its way through a well-established browser market, and coming out on top is no ordinary feat in a market which was dominated by Microsoft. But that could not have happened without Google's revenue-generating advertising business. The company initially sold ad spaces on its search engine, and then set out to disrupt the advertising market.

In 2007, the search giant paid $3.1 billion to acquire advertising technology firm DoubleClick. It was an important buy for Google as it made the company become a leader in digital advertising market. The reason was simple. This acquisition gave Google access to both advertisers and websites. Also, right about that time, DoubleClick was going to launch an ad exchange, which allowed advertisers to bid for space in real time to display digital ads.

By 2021, Google's parent, which includes YouTube, generated almost $257 billion in revenue. Of that, over 81% came from Google's ads business, according to the company's 2021 annual report.

Tight corner

In January, the U.S. Department of Justice, sought to break up Google's adtech monopoly. The DoJ accused Google of abusing its market position as one of the largest suppliers and online auctioneers of digital ads placed on websites and mobile applications. It is unclear how this break up will work in reality as Google's Ad Exchange is well integrated with the search giant. It is no more the DoubleClick that Google purchased in 2007. Any fallout from this suit may not have a significant impact on Google's revenue.

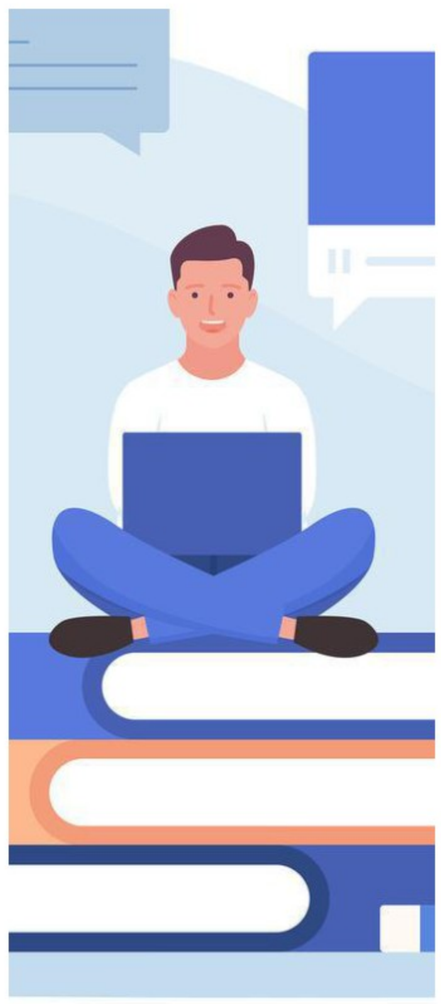
But competition from Microsoft will clearly have an impact on Google's bottom line, if not now, at least in the next few years. That's because, Alphabet's Bard has still not shown its gameness. When Mr. Pichai blogged about the language model, he did not describe it as something that will write a poem or tell a story. His promotion for the bot was bland, and he offered no specifics.

And to make matters worse, Bard fumbled in its promotional content. The bot gave out a factually incorrect answer to a question. That goof up sent Google's stock tumbling and wiped out $100 billion from its market value.

Six years' work

Mr. Pichai has been stressing on the importance of AI for his company. In his blog, he noted that the search giant has been working on AI for the past six years. And now, the only visible product that can highlight those years of hard work has failed to enthuse investors.

For Microsoft's CEO Satya Nadella, this is good news. Several investors could put their money in his company's stock. And more people could possibly flock to the Bing search engine to browse the web. But that conversion alone won't be enough to close the roughly 90 percentage point lead Google search engine has against Microsoft's Bing. It is a long journey, but Microsoft is clearly in an advantageous position.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

Mr. C. C. Desai, Rashtrapathi Road, Secunderabad, wants to know the meaning of 'real' in 'real estate'.

'Real estate' or 'real property' is a legal term. Real estate 'consists of or relates to immovable property such as land or houses.' 'Real' here is used in the sense of 'actually existing as a thing' in a place. There is also what is called 'personal estate.' Personal estate is property that 'is movable and can be taken from place to place.' The word 'estate' generally means 'property, possessions.' In certain contexts it means 'political or social group or class.' The Three Estates of the Realm in England are (a) The Lords Spiritual (Bishops in the House of Lords), (b) the Lords Temporal (other lords) and (c) the Commons (the common people). When newspapers came to be considered powerful in moulding public opinion, they were called the Fourth Estate. 'Fourth Estate' now means 'the press, radio and television; the news media.'

Mr. A. K. Srivastava, Patna wants to know the meaning of 'He bit the bullet.'

'To bite the bullet' means 'to submit bravely to something painful or unpleasant.' You can also say 'bite on the bullet.' It is said that during emergency operations, soldiers would bite on a bullet to lesson their pain. Perhaps it is similar to clenching the teeth when we have intense pain. When the government is short of money, taxes are increased and the public are asked to bite the bullet and pay the taxes.

Several readers would like to know whether the following question can be asked when one wants to know 'the order of a person's birth in his family: 'How manyeth son are you to your parents'?

It is interesting but not English. There is no way in which you can ask such a question in English. We can ask such a question in our language as we are interested in the order. The English don't seem to be interested in the order and there is no direct question to elicit this information. You can only do it in a round-about way. The language has 'eldest' and 'youngest' as the speakers of the language are interested in finding out whether you are the first or the last. They don't seem to be interested in finding out whether you are the second son or the third or the fourth.... Hence there is no direct question relating to this. If readers have bright ideas on how this question can be framed in English, they can forward their suggestions.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on the events, births and deaths that happened on February 15

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
On this day, this philosopher was sentenced to death for corrupting the minds of the youth of the city and for impiety.

QUESTION 2
This day saw a U.S. Navy ship sink in a harbour in 1898, leading to the beginning of a war between the U.S. and another country. What is the name of the ship? In which country's harbour did the ship sink? Which war broke out as a result of this?

QUESTION 3
This astronomer was born on this day in 1564. He championed the astronomical model that positioned the Sun at the centre of the Universe, with Earth and the other planets orbiting around it. Identify the scientist. Name the model.

QUESTION 4
This country adopted its new flag on this day 57 years ago. The flag bears a leaf, which has been used as the country's emblem since the 18th century. Identify the country. Which Nobel Laureate formed a committee to resolve the ongoing issue of the lack of an official flag?

QUESTION 5
This was the first programmable, electronic, general-purpose digital computer, completed in 1945. Name the computer. Which State in the U.S. marks this event by celebrating it?

QUESTION 6
Identify this Indian singer who passed away on this day last year. He popularised the use of synthesised disco music in the Indian music industry.

Identify this Indian poet who passed away on this day in 1868. Where is this statue located?

Answers to the previous day's quiz:
1. Who (and when) is believed to have coined the term AI. **Ans: John Mc Carthy,1955**
2. Which Indian company was part of the founding team of Open AI and donated towards the initial $1 billion Open AI pledge? **Ans: Infosys**
3. Name was the scary thought experiment about a benevolent AI that would created a VI simulation to torture anyone who knew of its existence. **Ans: Roko's Basilix**
4. What is the name given to Google's next-generation language and conversation capability powered by LaMDA. **Ans: Bard**
5. By what name do we know the test of a machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behaviour equivalent to, or indistinguishable from, that of a human? **Ans: Turing test**
6. Visual: **Ans: ChatGPT**

Early Birds
S Sampath Kumar — Manish Babal — Smir Adhikari — Shreya Bhadra

Word of the day

Putative:
commonly put forth or accepted as true on inconclusive grounds

Synonyms: purported, acknowledged

Usage:
The putative leader of the terrorist cell was arrested yesterday.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/putativenew

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DA case: CBI court convicts former V-P of I-T Appellate Tribunal

G.E. Veerabhadrappa, his wife, and nephew were convicted for amassing disproportionate wealth during his tenure at various cities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CBI Special Court has convicted a 73-year-old retired vice-president of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, his wife, and nephew for amassing disproportionate wealth during his tenure at various cities including Bengaluru, Mumbai, and New Delhi.

The 34th CBI judge, H. Mohan, convicted the trio and sentenced them to undergo two years of simple imprisonment and levied a fine of ₹1.5 lakh in total.

The case dates back to December 2014 when the CBI filed a chargesheet before the court after investigation against G.E. Veerabhadrappa. FILE PHOTO

An estimation by the CBI found that the total value of his assets was around ₹3.71 crore, whereas his total income during the period was ₹2.47 crore

Tenure

The case dates back to December 2014, when the CBI filed a chargesheet before the court after an investigation against G.E. Veerabhadrappa, his second wife Radha, and nephew Kotresh for amassing disproportionate assets to their known source of income during his tenure in the tribunal between January 2002 and July 2013.

The probe revealed that during this period, he purchased 6.3 acres of agricultural land in Gunjur village near Varthur, site, and flat at J.P. Nagar.

He also purchased a flat in Noida, and three more flats in Nagashettyhalli in Bengaluru in his and his brother-in-law's name.

The probe also revealed that he purchased a flat in Bengaluru during this period, a site in Anekal, and another flat in Pune. He purchased a plot in Dharwad in the name of Ms. Radha.

Cash deposits

Apart from his immovable properties, the CBI confiscated cash deposits and fixed deposits from various bank accounts.

An estimation by the CBI found that the total value of his assets was around ₹3.71 crore, whereas his total income during the same period was ₹2.47 crore only.

When confronted by the CBI and I-T Department during investigation, Veerabhadrappa did not give a satisfactory explanation following which the CBI booked him and his family members under DA case and filed the chargesheet, Senior Public Prosecutor Shivananda Perla argued on behalf of CBI.

The judge said that the properties of Veerabhadrappa to the tune of ₹1.72 crore should be confiscated by the Central government.

Several objections raised against Bescom's move to increase tariff

The Hindu Bureau
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The proposal of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) to hike tariff across all categories by ₹1.46 per unit in the upcoming tariff revision attracted severe backlash on Tuesday in the public hearing called by Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC).

While Bescom cited the recovery of the revenue gap of ₹463.93 crore which was carried forward from FY 2022 and a projected revenue gap of ₹3,969.54 crore for FY 2024 as the reason for the hike, objectors laid out several methods which they thought were best, to recover it.

Providing the breakup of the proposed tariff hike, Bescom said that ₹0.15 per unit is necessary for the gap of FY 2022 and ₹1.31 per unit is required to cover the gap of FY 2024. According to their projections, Bescom officials said "The Power Purchase Cost (PPC) has increased by approximately ₹4,000 crore for FY 24 over FY 23."

Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) said that there was considerable scope for reduction in costs and improving efficiencies to set off the proposed additional expenditure by Bescom. "Why are they not recovering dues from government

which is around ₹8,000 crore? They have long-term and short-term loans for which they pay over ₹1,000 crore in interest, which come down to the consumer," said Shrinath Bhandary U., chairman, Energy Committee, KASSIA.

The other issue raised was of the unauthorised IP sets and how FC and Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges (FAC) are not being collected by IP consumers. "If their FC is not being covered, then why is it not being collected from IP consumers. While initial deposit is collected from farmers, who is paying the FC for IP consumers? Why are they not paying FAC?" questioned Sridhar Prabhu, advocate representing Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI).

FAC revision monthly

While, so far, FAC was being revised every three months, henceforth, it will be revised once every month, said P. Ravi Kumar, Chairman, KERC.

Cab driver held for peddling marijuana

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The Kengeri police arrested a 29-year-old cab driver from Machilipatnam and seized 9.9 kg of marijuana worth ₹4.25 lakh from him on Monday.

Based on a tip-off, a team led by Inspector Praveen Kumar caught Kona Bhargava Kumar red-handed on Kommaghatta playground in Kengeri. They found a box filled with marijuana kept on the roadside. Bhargava told the police that he sourced the drugs from his network in Vishakhapatnam. The accused has been booked under NDPS Act.

INBRIEF

KSRTC passengers travelling without tickets penalised

In its drive against ticketless travel, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) conducted checks in its buses operated in the State and in neighbouring States in January. KSRTC in a release said, the vigilance squad checked 46,047 buses and detected 3,269 cases of pilferage. The squad penalised 3,682 passengers for travelling without tickets and collected a fine of ₹5,83,396 from them.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 15, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- Why India's lithium discovery is fraught with social and environmental risks **bit.ly/lithiumdiscovery**

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
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On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Bheemarayanagudi. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgir invites short term percentage tenders in two Cover system from the eligible Contractors enrolled in Class-1 KPWD for the work "Construction of New Bridge Cum Barrage across Nala near Ingalagi Village of Shahapur Tq Yadgir dist. (Indent No. 23712)". The amount put to tender is Rs.252.26 Lakhs and E.M.D amount is Rs.4.47 Lakhs. The contractors can have access to the electronic document from dated: 15.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs to dated: 02.03.2023 upto 16.30 Hrs. The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal is dated: 02.03.2023 upto 16.30 Hrs. The date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid) is 04.03.2023 @11.00 Hrs and the electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on 15.03.2023 @ 11.00 Hrs or after approval of Technical bid.

The blank tenders can be obtained through www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box.

NOTE: - Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.

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Water adalat tomorrow

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BWSSB will hold water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the following sub-divisions: North West-2, Peenya 2nd Stage; North West-4, Pipeline Road, Sunkadakatte; Central 1-2, Nethaji Road, Fraser Town; North East 2, Central Street, Bengaluru-20; North 1-2, P and T. Colony, R.T. Nagar; North 2-2, 3rd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura; South 1-2; Kodichikkanahalli, ; South 2-2, Central Jail Road, Koodlu; South West-2, Dwarakanath Road, V.V. Puram; South West-5, Banakgiri Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage; East 1-3, Kadugodi; East 2-3, Banjara Layout, Horamavu.

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RISE 06:42 SET 18:25
RISE 01:41 SET 13:17

THURSDAY, FEB. 16
RISE 06:42 SET 18:25
RISE 02:44 SET 14:17

FRIDAY, FEB. 17
RISE 06:41 SET 18:26
RISE 03:49 SET 15:23

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Tumakuru	32	20
Mysuru	33	13
Bengaluru	32	16

Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only. 1) Name of work: **Afzalapur -01 (Indent No 43561) Sedam Taluka-02 (Indent No 54746 & 54756),** 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-II & above, 4) Tender Amount: **Min 1,45,62,580/-, Max 1,75,72,818/-,** 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **10-02-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **20-02-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: **21-02-2023 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **23-02-2023 11:00am,** 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

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PHONE No.: 08532-200051 Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Email: eekwbraichur@gmail.com

No. KWB /EE/RCR/TECH/TENDER/2022-23/493 Date:- 13.02.2023

BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The service tender for the following work is invited through e-procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the labour registered firm / Contractor who fulfills the qualification criteria as detailed in the bidding document.

Sl No	Name of work	Amount put to tender excluding GST (in Rs.)	Bid Security (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of bid document	Stipulated period for completion of the work
1	No: KWB / EER / TEC / TND / KKRDB / 2022-23 /492 Date: 13-02-2023.				
	Providing & Laying of Water supply pipeline in ward no.35 of Raichur city under KKRDB Micro Grants for the year 2022-23. (Lump sum tender- No Variation)	59,10,252.00	1,19,000.00	As per e-portal processing fee	04 Months (Including Monsoon)

Calendar of Event: 1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids: 20-02-2023 up to 17:30 Hours 2) Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 22-02-2023 after 11:00 Hours 3) Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid. Will be intimated to the qualified tenderers

For further details, contact the undersigned or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement helpdesk 080-25501216 / 25501227, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

NOTE:- 1) The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in RFP document to qualify for award of the contract. 2) The details regarding participation in e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from the office of the undersigned during office hours. 3) The aspiring Contractors, who have not obtained the user ID & Password for participating in e-Procurement, may now obtain the same by requesting e-Procurement Cell Centre at e-Governance Department, Room No. 141, Gate No.2, M.S Building, Bangalore, Phone No. 25501216 / 25501227, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. 4) Registration in the Board is not mandatory to apply for the above said work.5)Tenderers must pay tender processing fee as specified in columns 4 of the Table above. 6) Right to accept or reject the tender rests with the Executive Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Division, Raichur

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KUWS & D Board, Division, Raichur.

DIP/Raichur/613/ K.S.M.C&A/2022-23

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Open U.S consulate office in city: Bommai

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai apprised, during his meeting with U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Ambassador A. Elizabeth Jones on Tuesday, about the need for opening a U.S. consulate office in Bengaluru.

A release from the Chief Minister's office states that Bengaluru is the city of the future and the U.S needs to open a consulate office here as it is going to benefit thousands travelling from Bengaluru to the U.S. On her first visit to Bengaluru, Ms. Jones said: "Karnataka plays a significant role in advancing the U.S.-India commercial partnership and alone hosts over 650 U.S. companies."

Training

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MSME Development and Facilitation Office, GoI, Ministry of MSME, will hold a four-week training programme on programming and operation of CNC Lathe and Machining Centre from February 27. Engineering graduates, diploma holders, ITI (Mechanical Trades), and technically experienced candidates can apply.

Contact MSME Development and Facilitation Office, Rajajinagar Industrial Area, call 080-23151540/ 23151581 or mail dcdibang@dcmsme.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby inform to the general public that my client wants to Purchase the bellow mentioned schedule property form its present owner Mrs. Sampath Kumari Wife of Preetham Henric. If anybody having any right title or interest over the schedule property, the same may be brought to my notice with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and if no such information is conveyed to me, it will be presumed that no other person has right title or interest over the schedule property and my client will proceed to purchase the same.

SCHEDULE

All that the immovable property premises bearing No.332, in the layout plan sanctioned by the Bangalore Development Authority vide Resolution 306, dated 02/05/1973 and order No.CITB/DDTP/952/75-76, dated 19/11/1975 situated in Sys. No.108, 109, 110 and 112 of Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and consist of residential building and site measuring: East to West 30ft and North to South 40ft. totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. consisting of house building measuring 674.63 sq.ft. bounded on East by: Site No.333 West by: Site No.331 North by: Road, South By: Site No.277

SHANKAR,
Advocate
No.1795, 40 A Cross, 9 Block, Jayanagar. Bangalore-560041
Mob: 9686930700

RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Tender Notice No.: 21/2022-23 **Dtd: 10.02.2023**

Notice Inviting Tender

Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through e-procurement related to works of Koppa taluk of Chikkamagaluru District. Maximum amount of works is Rs. 167.00 lakhs. Details regarding undertaking or having implemented work as per Standard Tender Document KW-4 should be attached. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act 1.Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 15.02.2023 to 01.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM. Tender will be opened on 02.03.2023 at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur

DIPR/ckm/No.279/mca/22-23/1901

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
Zilla Panchayath, Vijayanagara,
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Hospet Vijayanagara District.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/HPT/JJM/E-Proc Tender/JE/2022-23/ Dated:10.02.2023

E-tender Notification-22/2022-23.
(KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Harapanahalli hereby invites the tender for FY-2022-23 JJM FHTC (Retrofitting) works in Harapanahalli 3Works , Kudligi 40Works , Hagribommanahalli 1Work , of Vijayanagara District through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in) Website**. The period to receive the tender from eligible bidders is from **10-02-2023 to 16-02-2023 at 5.00PM** and date of **opening of technical bid is on 17-02-2023 at 5.05 PM, opening of Financial bid is on 20.02.2023 at 11.00 AM & Pre bid meeting is held on 13.02.2023 at 11.00 AM** in the office of, Executive Engineer RDWS&S Division Hospet Vijayanagara District For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Hospet Vijayanagara District
DIPR/Vijayanagar/365/KSMCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TS/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/2703 **Date: 09.02.2023**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos: **(1) 50247 (2) 49376 (3) 50259 (4) 50294 (5) 50250 (6) 50054 (7) 49523 (8) 49551 CALL-2 (9) 49522 CALL 2 (10) 49548 CALL 2 (11) 54235 (12) 54262 (13) 54263 (14) 54265 (15) 54518 (16) 55002 (17) 54266 (18) 54268 (19) 54608 (20) 54513 (21) 41632 (22) 54557 (23) 55006 (24) 55008 (25) 54573 (26) 54567 (27) 49532 CALL 2 (28) 49369 (29) 49613 (30) 49399 (31) 55070 (32) 55071 (33) 55127 (34) 55128 (35) 55131 (36) 55132 (37) 55135 (38) 55136 (39) 55137 (40) 55139 (41) 55141 (42) 49521 Call 2 (43) 49545 Call 2 (44) 49613**

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

Few conditions of the tender :

(1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **15.02.2023 & 16.02.2023 upto 5.30 PM. (2)** Date of opening of Single Cover Financial bid : **17.02.2023 & 18.02.2023 at 11.30 AM. (3)** Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **17.02.2023 & 18.02.2023 at 11.30 AM. (4)** Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **19.02.2023 & 20.02.2023 at 11.30 AM. (5)** Specified time period for completion of works: **Single Cover: 3 months (90 days) Two Cover: 6 months (180 days)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

DIPR/SMG/No.125/Zenkar/2022-23

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through e-procurement from eligible Architectural Engineering Firm (AE firm) for the preparation of building plan/DPR/Drawings/other tender documents and allied services, etc for the work of Construction of Bengaluru North University New Capmus at Sy. No. 47, Amaravathi Village, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.

Notification No: KHB/CE/Higher Edu. Dept/AEF/290/2022-23 Dated: 13.02.2023. Last date for submission of Bids: **20.02.2023 upto 4.00 PM.**

For more information, contact below mentioned office address and web address below: **Executive Engineer, Kanrnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Tel: 080-22273511/22100077**
E-mai: cheifengineerkhb@gmail.com
Website: www.karnatakahousing.com & https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board

DIPR/CP/4685/AAA/2022-23

RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk
Email Id: eedwsdbngr1@gmail.com: Phone: 080-29787463 (M) 9448367736

ಸಂ:ಕಾವಾಆ/ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ. ಸ್ನೈರ್ಮ್ಯ/ವಿಭಾಗ/ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾ/ತಾ.ರಾ./ಟೆಂಡರ್ 22–23/2581 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–02–2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 32/2022-23/2581 Date 13.02.2023
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTTP Act 2000 through E-procurement portal for the works under 2021-22 2215 H A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to Provide FIITCs to House Holds in Bangalore Rural District (Standard Tender Document KW-1. KW-2, KW-3, KW-4) Application & EMD payment to be done through E-Procurement portal.

General Conditions: 1) Contractor has to upload Document in online only 2) All qualifying documents has to be attached in online.

1) Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 4.00 PM DATED 14.02.2023.** 2) Last date for tender uploading: **Upto 4.00 PM DATED 21.02.2023.** 3) Date of opening of Tender/Technical Bid: **At 4.05 PM DATED 22.02.2023.** 4) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **At 4.05 PM DATED 24.02.2023.**

More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned and also through **http:eproc.karnataka.in** by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural.

DIPR/CP/VCPL/4678/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MANGALURU DIVISION MANGALURU

Ref :-PW:DIV:MAG:TND(80E):2022-23:AE-1: Dated: 14.02.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act to the work Indent No : 162996 (Amount Put Tender Rs.249.83 Lakhs) Under the Head of Account :- 5054-04-337-0-01-154 **(Plan) District And Other Roads - Improvements. Last date for receipt of above tender : 03.03.2023 upto 16.00 Hours.**

Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e -portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer

DIPR / MNG / 1318 / MPL / 22-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division,
8th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Kanakanapalya,
Bengaluru - 560 011. Ph: 080-26570088
e-mail: eeckpbbmp@yahoo.com

No: EE/CKP/E-Proc/17/2022-23 **Date:14.02.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike invites short term Request for Proposal for Rate Contract Regarding Removal of Unauthorized structures in South Zone.

Following are the Events of Bid Process:

1) Date of commencement of download of Document from e-Procurement website http://eproc.karnataka. gov.in from **15.02.2023 onwards.** 2) Last date and time for uploading online queries in e-Procurement: **20.02.2023 upto 2:00 p.m.** 3) Date and time of pre-bid meeting: **20.02.2023 at 3:00 p.m.** at the following venue Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 9th Cross, Kanakanapalya, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Jayanagara. 4) Last date and time for uploading of RFP in e-Procurement Portal: **23.02.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.** 5) Date and time of online opening of RFP: **24.02.2023 at 4:30 p.m.** 6) Place of opening of applications: Online at e-Procurement portal. 7) Address for communication: Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickapet Division, 8th Main, Kanakanapalya, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Jayanagara.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Chickapet Division, BBMP

कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)

अस्पताल, एज्हुकोन, कोल्लम
HOSPITAL, EZHUKONE, KOLLAM,
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वैब साईट/Website: www.esic.gov.in

No. 545/A/11/11/Gr. A&B / CHE/10/Adm Date : 11/02/2023

भर्ती अधिसूचना - वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यू

चिकित्सा अधीक्षक, ईएसआईसी अस्पताल एझुकोन ने विभिन्न विशिष्टताओं में सीनियर रेसिडेंट्स, पूर्णकालिक / अंशकालिक विशेषज्ञों के लिए अनुबंध के आधार पर चिकित्सा अधिकारियों के पद के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है।

वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यू की तिथि- 28.02.2023- सुबह 10:00 बजे का. रा. बी. नी. अस्पताल एज्कोन में।
विवरण के लिए, कृपया हमारी वेबसाइट देखें: www.esic.gov.in/recruitments

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital Ezhukone invites application for the post of medical officers on contract basis for Senior Residents, Full Time/ Part Time Specialists in different specialties.
Date of Walk-in- interview- 28.02.2023- 10:00 AM at ESIC Hospital Ezhukone.
For details, please refer our website : www.esic.gov.in/recruitments

(Sd) Medical Superintendent

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot –587104

No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-172/2022-23 **Date: 14-02-2023**

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting e-Procurement short term retender for the Laboratory equipments and Laptops for the use of various campus of the university. The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through e-procurement platform. For more details, please contact Ph.No: 08354-230258 and visit the link https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries/ clarification.	18–02–2023	@	14.00 Hrs
2	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	22–02–2023	@	16.00 Hrs
3	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	24–02–2023	@	10.00 Hrs
4	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	27–02–2023	@	12.00 Hrs

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting e-procurement portal.

Sd-ESTATE OFFICER
UHS, BAGALKOT

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-879/KSMCA/2022-23

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Owned by the Government of Karnataka)
Office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), O & M Circle, GESCOM Koppal-583231
Register Office: GESCOM, Main Road,Kalaburagi-585102
CIN: U4010KA2002SGC030436 **Website: gescom.in**
Tel No: 08539-200023 **Email: seemrbgescom@gmail.com**

No: SEE/O&M/EEE(O)/AEE(O)-02/KPL/TF-25/2022-23/4903-06 Date:13.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement Mode Only)

Indent No: **1.GESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1917Dtd:04.02.2023**
2. GESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1919 Dtd:04.02.2023
3. GESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1920 Dtd:04.02.2023
4. GESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1921 Dtd:04.02.2023

The Superintending Engineer Ele., O&M Circle GESCOM, Koppal invites following link line tenders on partial turnkey basis in e-procurement mode only. (Poles and Conductor and Other materials (GOS, Earthing pipe).

1) Name of O&M Division: **Koppal.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelburga.** Name of the Work : Constructing 11kv line for F-5 Kallur ip set feeder and F-6 Balageri NJY feeder for switching from 33/11kv muss Kukanoor to 110/33/11kv muss Kukanoor of in O&M Kukanoor section of Yelburga Sub Division. Amount put to Tender per Link line work Rs. in lakhs.: **20.65.** Per Work EMD Amount in Rs. : **42000.00**.

2) Name of O&M Division: **Koppal.** Name of the Taluk: **Koppal.** Name of the Work : Providing Link line to Existing F-5 Budashetnal and F-4 Irakalagada IP set feeder from newly Constructed 110/11KV MUSS Chilakamukki in O&M Irakalgada Section of Koppal Sub Division. Amount put to Tender per Link line work Rs. in lakhs.: **12.24.** Per Work EMD Amount in Rs. : **31000.00**.

3) Name of O&M Division: **Koppal.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelburga.** Name of the Work : Constructing 11kv line (7Kmtr) to over loaded existing F-5 Kudrimoti ip feeder, in order to create New Chandinal Ip Feeder from 110KV Mangalur Sub station using New 11KV idle Breaker in Mangalore O&M Section of Yelburga Sub Division. Amount put to Tender per Link line work Rs. in lakhs.: **9.90.** Per Work EMD Amount in Rs. : **25000.00**.

4) Name of O&M Division: **Koppal.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelburga.** Name of the Work : Construction of 7k mtr express line from 110/33/11kv muss Bevoor to existing Water supply installation at Narasapur village, for creation of New 11kv NIP Feeder (Narasapur IP), and to birfurcate the load of over loaded 11kv Muradi ip feeder Eminating from 110/33/11kv muss Bevoor in Vajrabandi O&M section of Yelburga sub Division. Amount put to Tender per Link line work Rs. in lakhs.: **9.78.** Per Work EMD Amount in Rs. : **25000.00**.

For more details log on the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after date: **16.02.2023** and last date of bid submission is **06.03.2023 at 5:00pm.** For any clarification and details please contact the O/o the undersigned during officer hours Ph: **08539-200023 or 9483043703** on all working days.

E-Procurement Help-desk Contact No:**080-22371090/080-22340948**.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele)**
O&M Circle, GESCOM Koppal

DIPR/KOPPAL/650/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Mr. DEEPAK MANOHAR GAIKWAD, S/o. Mr. Manohar Dada Gaikwad and his wife Dr. AMITA DINKAR VAIRAT have intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner M/s. SV HOUSING Represented by its Managing Partner Mr.S.Venkatesh, having office at No.89, 3rd Floor, V.M.COSMA, Karthiknagar, Bangalore – 560 037.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing Flat No. R071, measuring 1510 Sq. Ft. of SBA in the Seventh Floor of RAAGAM Block of project know as "S.V. GRANDUR" constructed in the Land bearing Nos.101/2 & 101/3, Katha No. 883/903/101/3 & 902/882/902/101/2, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on as follows: East :Sy. Nos. 104/1, 105/1 & 112, West:Sy.Nos.113/1, 113/2 & 100/1, North : Road, South : Sy. No. 101/1.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 14-02-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Mrs.TASNEEM ALI KHAN** and **Mrs.SULTANA ALI KHAN,** both are daughters of late Muneerunnisa Begum & late Ali Mohamed Khan, residing at No.35/2, 5th Cross, Lakhsmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.21 (old Site No.5), PID No.48-15-21, measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 21 ft, with a building thereon, situated at 3rd Cross, Annipura, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Conservancy
North by : Property of Rahman Khan
South by : Shankarappa's property

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Division No. 5
Ron-582209 Ph & Fax : 08381-267247 Email : knnldiv5@gmail.com

No:KNNL/MRBC/DB/Tender /2022-23/850 Date : 10.02.2023

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Div No:05 Ron, the under under-signed invites tender on percentage basis from KPWD Class-I Contractors. The Tenderers are required to upload in Two cover both Technical bid and Financial bid, Technical bid should contain the documents as mentioned in Detailed Notification and Financial bid of those bidders who have paid the requisite EMD & fulfill the conditions contained in para1.1 will be opened. Table showing the details of work put to tender is as under;

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORK PUT TO E-TENDERING

Sl No	Name of Work	Approximate amount put to tender Rs. (In Lakhs) (Exluding GST)	EMD Rs including GST	Tender Processing fee	Stipulated period for Completion	Class of Contra-ctors
1)	Construction of CC Road from Mushigeri -Pyati Main Road to Harijan keri of Nellur Village of Ron Constituency (I No-35736)	**84.26**	**2,00,000.00**	As per e - Procurement portal	6 Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-I
2)	Construction of CC Rond and Drain from Mugali Road to Shankarappa Koppal House from Verabhadrappa House to Main road and shekappa Muchagerhouse to Pakkirappa Madar honuse in Ron City of Ron Constituancy And Construction of Cc Road and Drain in Gajendragad Tanda of Ron Constituency (I No-35739)	**84.29**	**2,00,000.00**	As per e - Procurement portal	6 Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-I
3)	Construction of CC Road and Drain ST Colony of Mushigeri Village of Ron Constituency (I No-35719)	**84.27**	**2,00,000.00**	As per e - Procurement portal	6 Months (Including monsoon)	KPWD Class-I

Issue and submission of E-tender documents : (1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from **14.02.2023** at 11.00am in the website http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in / eportal/index.seam link e-tender document and after payment (non-refundable) towards the transaction/tender processing fee. While applying the contractors can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal (2) The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **17.02.2023** at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL MRBCC Division No.05 Ron The queries if any are to be sent not later than on **17.02.2023** till 5.00 PM by the intending bidders through e-mail to the Executive Engineer (the e-mail id for sending queries is knnldiv5@gmail.com) (3) Last Date for Submission of completed e tendering documents is **22.02.2023** up to 4.00 PM. (4) First Electronic Document (Technical BID) will be opened on **23.02.2023** at 5.00 PM in the Presence of the Bidders who wish to participate. (5) Second Electronic Document (financial Bid) of the successful bidders who qualify in the technical bid wil be opened on **01.03.2023** at 11.00 AM or after approval to the technical bid from the competent authority. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http;//eproc.karnataka.gov.in/ eportal/lines.seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer (Inch)
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAVITHA Rikab Chand, R/at Flat 305, Arham Residency, S.C.Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004 have changed my name to Savitha Premkumar vide Affidavit dated 14.02.2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bengaluru.

I, AKSHITA, W/o Shubham Jain, R/at No.174/C, Ramavilas Road, Opp Central Bank, K R Mohalla, Mysuru - 570204, today camping at Bengaluru have changed my name to Akshita V Jain vide Affidavit dated 14.02.2023 sworn before notary S.I.Balaguru, Bengaluru.

I, MANCHALADORE Bhaskarar Shanthalakshmi R/at No.104, Kumar Paradise, B.P.Wadia Road, B'gudi, B'lore-04 have changed my name to Shanthalakshmi Visweswara vide Affidavit dated 10.02.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRIYA W/O Ambadas Bhujange born on 19/11/1980 residing at C 7041, Assetz East Point, Boganhalli, Bangalore–560103, have changed my name to Priya Vadgaynavar vide affidavit IN–KA66812517385233V dated 31–Jan–2023 at Bangalore.

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, ERNAKULAM
I.A. No: 2 / 2022 in O.P. (MV) No. 1018/2020

Petitioner: United India Insurance Co. Ltd. Vettukattil Building, 3rd Floor, M.G. Road, Ernakulam.

Respondents: 1) S. Kalaiselvan, S/o. Shanmughan, 2/12A, Shivarange Taluk, Madugapati P.O., Tamilnadu - 630561.
2) Balamurugan M. S/o. Muthu DJM # 01 BKMH Hostel Building, 1st Cross 3rd Main Chamarajapet, Bangalore-5600018

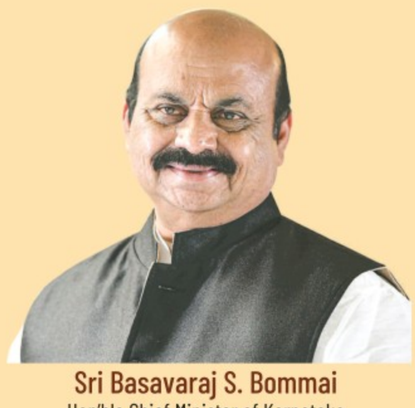
NOTICE

The aforesaid respondents No. 1 & 2 take notice that the above petition is posted for your appearance either in person or through pleader on 24.03.2023 at 11 A.M. failing which the petition will be decided in your absence. Produce D.L. in category HGMV.

Dated this the 17th day of January, 2023. (Sd/-) Amritha K.B
Counsel for the 3rd respondent

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Karnataka Thanda Development Corporation Limited, Bengaluru



Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

284th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SANT SEVALAL

Place: Sooragondanakoppa, Davanagere District

Sant Sevalal was the spiritual guide and Kulaguru of the Banjara Community and strived to create a permanent habitation to the Banjara Community and bring them into the mainstream of society to lead a harmonious life. He was born in Sooragondanakoppa in Nyamati Taluk, Davanagere District and his contribution to the Banjara Community is enormous. Today we remember this holy person's contributions.

Sri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister distributing title deeds to Thanda Residents at Malkhed of Sedam Taluk in Kalaburagi District

Sri Kota Shrinivas Poojari, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare participating in a Programme of the Department.

The Government has initiated several programmes for the comprehensive development of Banjara Community Thandas and Residents

Establishment of Banjara Basha Academy

- Establishment of Banjara Basha Academy for the development of Banjara language and culture.

Conversion of Thandas as Revenue Villages

- Conversion of Thandas as Revenue Villages. This a revolutionary step by the Government.
- Title deeds distributed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to 52,000 residents of banjara community in the limits of 5 Districts of North Karnataka.
- Emphasis on comprehensive development of Thandas.

Infrastructure Facilities

- Government is providing the necessary infrastructure facilities for the comprehensive development of Thandas.
- Construction of connecting Roads, C.C, Roads & Drains and other such facilities at Thandas.
- Construction of Sevalal Community Bhavan and Cultural Centres Building to facilitate weddings, meetings-functions of the Thanda Community and library and other facilities.
- Establishment of 574 pure drinking water units.
- Installation of 218 High Mast Electric Lights.

Land Ownership Scheme

- Minimum of 2 Acre Dry or 1 Acre Wet or 20 Guntas of Farm Land or Land available for the Unit Expenditure to be purchased by the Corporation and registered and given to women of Landless Women Farmer families.
- Unit Expenditure: Rs. 15.00/20.00 lakhs.
- Financial assistance of 50% and Term Loan facility.
- 552 Acres sanctioned to 386 beneficiaries.

Skill Development Scheme

- 9694 youth belonging to Banjara Community given various Skill Development Training.
- Under Direct Loan Scheme for micro finance activities like growing and sales of fruits, rearing of fish, sheep, pigs, rabbits, cattle and for shop and handcart arrangement, etc. unit expenditure and financial assistance facility sanctioned.

Entrepreneurship Development Scheme

- Financial Assistance to unemployed, educated youth to start self employment units in small industries, services sector and business sector.
- 70% of the unit cost or a max. of Rs. 2 lakhs given.
- For purchase of goods vehicle assistance of max. Rs. 3.50 lakhs being given.

Ganga Kalyana Scheme

- Construction of bore well and open well for Small and Marginal Farmers of Banjara community with1.5 Acres to 5 Acres of dry land under Individual Bore Well Scheme and creation of irrigation facility by electrification of pump set. Total No. of beneficiaries: 1724.
- Unit Expenditure: Unit Expenditure of Rs. 4.50 lakhs to Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Kolar, Chikkaballapura and Tumakuru Districts. Max. financial assistance of Rs. 4.00 lakh. Term loan: Rs. 50,000/-. In the remaining 24 Districts Unit expenditure of Rs. 3.50 lakhs.
- Community Lift Irrigation Facility with financial assistance of Rs. 6.00 lakhs to lands of up to max. 15 acres under Lift Irrigation Project.

Prerana (Micro Credit) Scheme

- To encourage group activities of women and to facilitate women's groups to earn income through self employment Rs. 2.50 lakhs financial assistance and Rs. 10,000/- Seed capital sanctioned to registered Women's Self Help Groups.
- Assistance to 3290 beneficiaries.

Establishing a Stable Society through development of the Community

As enshrined in our Constitution, - **to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;** is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

karnataka information
Department of Information and Public Relations

‘1,361 unauthorised pvt. schools in State’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The department of School Education and Literacy has identified a total of 1,316 unauthorised private schools running in the State. The Bengaluru North education district tops the list with 485 unauthorised schools, followed by Bengaluru South with 386 schools.

In the backdrop of some managements of schools misleading parents by claiming that they are running CBSE schools without getting affiliation from the authority, the department had initiated an enquiry.

As per data provided by the department, around 63 schools do not have affiliation with any board, but have enrolled students. As many as 74 schools have upgraded classes without affiliation. Around 95 schools were found cheating parents and students by offering other board education, though they have permission to offer only State boards.

National theatre fest from Feb. 19

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ranganirantara theatre group will present the 8th C.G. Krishnaswamy National Theatre festival from February 19 to 22. The plays that will be staged on four days are: Daklakatha Devikavya directed by Lakshmana K.P.; (Feb. 19); Hattamalachya Palyad (Marathi) directed by Mahesh Khandare, on Feb. 20. Shoodra Shiva, directed by Viddu Uchil on Feb. 21, and Theendari Pacha - Malayam, directed by Sreejith Ramanan on Feb. 22. It will be held on Ravindra Kalakshetra premises.

The carnival will offer a platform for plays from major Indian languages including native lingo-Kannada. This edition will also feature an exhibition of photographs. For details, visit www.ranganiranthara.org

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
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No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7272 DATE: 13/02/2023

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-1

Short term e-tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/6990 Dated 01/02/2023 was called & Now the First time extension is made for the work at Sl No. 1, 2 & 6, is as below.

Calendar of events: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 22-02-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 24-02-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 27-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 01-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): “after approval of Technical bids”

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PW Dept., Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1743/KSMCA/2022-23

Zilla Panchayath, Kolar-563101
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Kolar-563101. Phone: 08152-222570, E-mail:eepredkolar1@gmail.com

No: 31/2022-23 Date:09.02.2023

Short-Term Two Cover System Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement KW-IV) 2nd Call

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 Item rate tenders were invited in two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-4 through e-procurement from authorized PWD contractors registered in appropriate class for the work of: **(1) Improvements and Asphalting to Papenahalli village road to Ramasandra Joining road Via Gopenahalli in KGF Constituency and Taluk kolar District. Indent No.97747**. Amount Put to Tender is: **Rs.114.50 Lakhs. (2) Improvements and Asphalting to 5 Village roads of KGF Constituency namely Badamakanahalli village to Kanganalluru village road selected reaches, R.R.road to Madiwala-Thokal via Neeligirihalli cross road V-Kota main road to Mulbagal taluk border Joining road via Thallapalli-Marikuppam Railway station to Bangarpet taluk border road and Sundarpalya-Ramasagara road selected reaches in Kolar District. Indent No.97746.** Amount Put to Tender is: **Rs.437.57 Lakhs.** The contractor's are requested for participate in e-Tender through GOK website:**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Prebid meeting schedule date: 15.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m. in the undersigined office. Last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through website from date **09.02.2023 to 02.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm** and date of opening of technical bids in e-portal on **date: 03.03.2023 at 4.30 pm.** The eligible technically qualifed contractors the date of opening of financial bids will be intimated. The notification can be obtained from e-Procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. E-Procurement helpline No's for tender clarification with respect uploading and downloading you can contact:**+918046010000 & +91 8022631200, 080-22230960 & 22234115.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Kolar.

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EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

NMIT's Team Krypt-Q bags first place at the country's first offline national-level hackathon

Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT), Bengaluru had organised the country’s first-ever offline national-level hackathon on quantum technology, titled ‘Quant-A-Maze’.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. N.R. Shetty, Chancellor of the Central University of Karnataka. Prof. Shayan Garani, Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Dr H.C. Nagaraj, Principal of NMIT presided over the function.

Engineering students from all over India participated in the event. ‘Team Krypt-Q’ of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology bagged the first prize. Meanwhile, the second prize was shared by ‘Team QUGEN’ of GNITC Hyderabad, JMI Rajasthan and IISER Pune. Furthermore, ‘Team Incognito’ of G.Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Kurnool, AP won third place. In addition, ‘Team Labyrinth’ of Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering was awarded the Innovative Idea Prize. Cash awards were also given along with prizes.

Rohit Punja, Administrator of Nitte Education Trust, Dr V Sridhar, Dean (Academics) at NMIT, Dr N Nalini, Dean (Students Welfare) and Head, Department CSE, Dr. N. Samanvitha, Professor, Department of EEE, K Rajesh Kumar and K Shashank Gupta of QNu Labs were also present on the occasion.

SDM University celebrates its Fourth Anniversary

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara (SDM) University Sattur, Dharwad, commemorated its 4th anniversary on 19th December 2022. The chief guest of the event, Prof. SM Shivaprasad, Director at Karnataka Higher Education, Dharwad, alongside Vice Chancellor Dr Niranjan Kumar, accompanied by Pro Vice Chancellors Dr S K Joshi and Shri V. Jeevandhar Kumar, Shri Saketh Shetty, Shri V G Prabhu and other dignitaries inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. While addressing the gathering, the chief guest enunciated the role of education in community building. In addition to this, the Hon’ble Chancellor of the university, D Veerendra Heggade released the University Newsletter. Heggade appreciated the rapid growth of the university within such a short span of time, whilst also highlighting the importance of having long-term goals for the betterment of everyone involved.

Founder-cum-Chancellor of S-VYASA Bengaluru conferred with Honoris Causa

ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, a Deemed-to-be University in Hyderabad conferred its honorary doctorate (honoris causa) to renowned yoga guru, founder and chancellor of S-VYASA (Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana), Bengaluru, Dr Nagendra Guruji (Dr H R Nagendra), at its 12th Convocation ceremony in Hyderabad on 24th December 2022.

Since the latter was unable to attend the ceremony, Dr S Kishore Kumar, member of the Board of Management at ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, accompanied by Prof. G. V. Muralidhara, Director of ICFAI Business School Bangalore and his colleagues Dr Geetha Sharma and Dr R. Harish, handed over the Certificate and Citation at S-VYASA, Bangalore, on 1st January 2023. S-VYASA also celebrated Nagendra’s 80th birthday on the same day with various cultural and scholastic events, along with many felicitations in his honour.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology Organises Freshers' Day

Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology, Bangalore conducted a freshers’ day programme, titled Aarambh-2022, on 10th December 2022.

Rakesh Singh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government from the Department of Urban Development, graced the occasion as the chief guest for the day. Singh highlighted the importance of harnessing a good value system for the development of one’s personality in his speech. Trustees of Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust, the principal, staff, students and parents also attended the event. As part of the programme, 40 Rank holders of the Institute were awarded cash prizes and medals. Sri K. Syama Raju, Secretary, Sri KET thanked and congratulated the students and promised to improve the infrastructure of the Institution. Dr A.C. Chandrashekar Raju, President of Sri KET delivered the Presidential address.

AIMS Institutes sign MOU with Navis Group, Japan

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed between AIMS Institutes, Bengaluru with Navis Group, Japan in the presence of the Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, Katsumasa Mauro on 28th January 2023. AIMS Institutes, represented by Dr Priyanandan Reddy, Chief Operations Officer signed the MOU with S Rajkumar, Chairman Navis Group, Japan.

The MOU aims to provide a platform for eligible students from AIMS Institutes to get employed in various organisations in Japan, majorly in the hospitality and aviation management sectors.

The selected AIMS graduates will also be trained in the Japanese language and the necessary survival skills by Navis. AIMS Institutes already has an active and engaging MOU with Shimane University, Japan for student and faculty exchanges, and this agreement will provide further impetus to the ongoing efforts at AIMS to provide international placement opportunities to students in addition to domestic.

Soundarya Institute of Management and Science introduces the MBA programme

Adding another feather to its cap, Soundarya Institute of Management and Science introduced an MBA programme affiliated with Bangalore University, approved by AICTE.

The first batch of MBA students for the academic session 2022-23 were welcomed on Wednesday, 8th Feb 2023. Vijayakrishnan Venkatesan, Managing Director at Kennametal India Ltd. and Vice Chairman of CII served as the chief guest for the event. He was accompanied by the guest of honour, Keerthan Kumar, CEO of SET.

The Director Dr Vasu B A addressed the gathering by elaborating on the objectives of the organizations and how the students should cope and adapt to the institutional policies. Meanwhile, the chief guest highlighted the importance of following the five Cs given by Indra Nooyi, which include Competency, Courage and Confidence, Communication Skills, Consistency and Compass. Furthermore, Kumar explained the diverse opportunities available to the students in the IT and Non-IT field.

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No.: BMRCL/IT/01/2023 Date: 14.02.2023

CORRIGENDUM-01

The online resale of Tender document for **"ERP Development, Implementation & Support Service for 5 Years"** is scheduled **from 15.02.2023 up to mid-night of 28.02.2023**. Last Date of seeking Tender Clarification is **20.02.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs** (IST). The date of submission of Tender is on **15.03.2023 from 11.00 Hrs. (IST) to 15.00 Hrs. (IST)**. The date of opening of Tender is on **15.03.2023 at 15.30 Hrs. (IST).**

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Sd/- Managing Director

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

No.: 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/F-50/9809-16 Date : 14.02.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against this office Tender Indent No.: **KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT10375** for **"Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV G.Hosakoti S/s in Ramadurga Taluk, Belagavi District".** Coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer Ele., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the e-Procurement mode can be obtained by logging on to e-Procurement's website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on **15.02.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Ele.,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Neharu Nagar, Belagavi, Ph: 0831-2950835/36

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Davanagere Division, Davanagere.

Notice No.: IFT-46/JE-1/2022-23/3409 Date: 10.02.2023

Corrigendum Notice

Sub.: Regarding publishing Tender Corrigendum Notice
Ref: (1) Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-46/JE/2022-23 Date: 01.02.2023 (2) Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-46/JE-1/2022-23 Date: 07.02.2023

Related to the works in Tender of this office vide No.: IFT-46/2022-23, Date: 01.02.2023 Corrigendum Notice was published as in Ref. 2). But due to technical reasons the said Corrigendum is revised and Corrigendum Notice is published as below.

Corrigendum Notice as in Ref. (2):- Pre-Bid Meeting place: Office of the Chief Engineer, Communication & Buildings (South), K.R. Circle, Bengaluru and Date: 14.02.2023 at 11.00 AM

Present Corrigendum Notice:- Pre-Bid Meeting place: Executive Engineer, P.W. Department, P.B. Road, Davanagere and Date: 16.02.2023 at 11.00 AM

(1) Date fixed for Tender objections 13.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM
(2) Last date for receiving Tender 21.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM
(3) Date of opening Technical Bid 22.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM
(4) Date of opening Financial Bid 27.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM

There are no other changes in the Tender process. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours (Phone: 08192-234951, 231530) or website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Davanagere

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(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ) **(Two tender document system)**

ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಅಂರ್ತಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. (2) ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ: **ರೂ. 398.14 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** (3) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅಂರ್ತಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.02.2023** (4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.02.2023** (5) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅರ್ಂತಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** (6) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.02.2023 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** (7) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಅಂರ್ತಜಾಲ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು. (8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ, ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ಧಾಪುರ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಸನಿಉ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/877/22–23 ದಿ: 14.02.23

THE MYSORE SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED, MANDYA
(A Govt.of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sugar Town, Mandya-571 402.
Telefax: 08232-224036
MC/Molasses/17/2022-23 date:13-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed Tender are invited from the interested buyers, for Sale of the following products: Subject to available & its release order.

Item No	Materials Description	Sale Quantity	EMD of Rs(in Rs)
01	“A” Grade Molasses	4000.MTs (approximate)	10% value of tender amount

Note: (1) Buyers may inspect the Molasses sample at Sugar Factory, MSCo. Mandya, before quoting their rates. (2) Buyers shall submit EMD amount through RTGS only drawn on any Nationalised Bank, in favour of The Mysore Sugar Company Limited payable at Mandya. (3) Buyers should quote their rates for above 4000.00 MTs (4) Tenderer should be submitted in the 2 covers system (1st cover have E.M.D & 2nd one is Commercial Bid) at General Manager Office, MSCo, Mandya and The last date for submitting their sealed tender is **01-03-2023 up to 2.30 P.M** and tender will be opened on the same day at 3.00 P.M in the chambers of Managing Director, Sugar Town, Mandya. For more details contact Asst. Manager Commercial mob. No. 9481736999. The Managing Director reserve the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason and Managing Director decision in this regard is final and binding.

Note: Molasses Quantity may vary, it depends upon physical stock availability in our factory during issuing the Sale Order.

Sd/-GENERAL MANAGER Sd/-MANAGING DIRECTOR
Date:13-02-2023.

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/670/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya

No. 20/2022-2023 Dated: 13-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR Construction/Improvements to roads works in Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District

Tender in Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW-4. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 28-02-2023 at 11.00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 14-02-2023. Last date for Queries 01-03-2023 upto 4.00 pm, Last date for submission of tender 01-03-2023 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 03-03-2023 at 11.00 am onwards, Financial bid will be opened on 06-03-2023 at 11 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 4 months, Number of works: 2, Estimate Amount Maximum **Rs. 271.89.00** Lakhs, Minimum Rs. **198.46** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/ contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- EE., PWD Division, Mandya

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-97:2022-23: Dated: 13.02.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work: Two cover System: Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenanc: 1) Improvements to road from Pathappanagudi to Sira Border via Jajur, Parashurampura, Dharmapura, Sakkara Km 2.70 to 9.00 in Challakere taluk (W.I. 165085). Estimate Cost: Rs. 400 Lakhs. 2) Improvements of Kumuta - Kodumadagi Road (SH-48) From Km 329.00 to 348.91 (in selected reaches) in Challakere taluk (W.I. 164828). Estimate Cost: Rs. 400 Lakhs. 3) Improvement of Asphalt Road at Kumuta - Kodumadagi Ch 273.352 to 287.00 Km (In Selected Reaches) in Chitradurga Taluk Chitradurga District (W.I. 164976). Estimate Cost: Rs. 400 Lakhs. **Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintenance:** 4) Improvements to Challakere-Mylanahalli-Oblapura Road to Kondlahalli Via Gowrasamudra from Km 0.00 to 6.00, Km 9.60 to 11.80 and Km 12.70 to 15.20 (Working reach Km 0.00 to 5.00, & Km 11.55 to 11.80) in Challakere Taluk (W.I. 164687). Estimate Cost: Rs. 300 Lakhs. 5) Improvement and Asphalt Road from B.D Road to Sanikere Major District road Ch 3.50 to 15.00 Km (In Selected Reaches) in Chitradurga Taluk (W.I. 164944). Estimate Cost: Rs. 490 Lakhs.

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 28.02.2023 @ 17:30 pm. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 01.03.2023 @16:00 pm. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 02.03.2023 @ 16:15 pm. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 04-03-2023 @ 11:00 pm.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 997: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7228 DATE: 09/02/2023

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 2 works under head of account 5054-SCP, Amount put to tender is Rs. 84.69 Lakhs and Rs. 84.58 Lakhs respectively.

Calendar of events :

1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 24-02-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 27-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 01-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): “after approval of Technical bids”

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1742/KSMCA/2022-23

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
SUIT NO. 830 OF 2019

Plaint Presented And filed on 15-02-2019
Registered on 14-06-2019
SUMMONS TO answer Plaint under Section 27 O.V. rr.1,5,7 and 8 and O.VIII, r.1 and 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure

1. M/s. Raut Hotel
2. Mr. Ganesh Raut
3. M/s Raut Hotels and Motels Pvt Ltd
All having its address at First Floor, Rinkoo Apartment, Flat No. 102, Near Caesar's Palace, Linking Road, Khar (West) Mumbai 400052 ...Plaintiffs

Versus

1. Ms. Geeta Raj Sekhar
2. Ms. Mala Mukesh Gandhi
3. Ms. Shama Kamal Gandhi
All having their address at 2637/15 Cross Road Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-70 ...Defendants

To,
1. Ms. Geeta Raj Sekhar
2. Ms. Mala Mukesh Gandhi
3. Ms. Shama Kamal Gandhi

The Defendants above named:

Whereas the abovenamed Plaintiffs have instituted a Suit against you as set out in the Plaint annexed herewith.

You are hereby summoned to file in this Court an appearance in person or a Vakalatnama and a written statement of your defence and serve a copy of the written statement on the Plaintiff within 30 days from the service of this summons upon you and in case you fail to file the written statement within the said period of 30 days, you shall be allowed to file the written statement on such other day, as may be specified by the Court, for reasons to be recorded in writing, but which shall not be later than ninety days from the date of service of summons, as per Order VII, Rule -1 of Civil Procedure Code, 1908.

And whereas the suit will be placed for directions on the board of the Prothonotary and Senior Master on such date as may be directed by him, for directions as to the date of trial and other matters concerning the suit.

Take further notice that if you fail to file your appearance in person or a Vakalatnama and written statement as directed above, or if you fail to appear before the Prothonotary and Senior Master the suit may be ordered to set down on Board on any subsequent day as “undefended” and you will be liable to have a decree or order passed against you.

Witness Shri. S.V. Gangapurwala acting Chief Justice
At Bombay aforesaid, this 09th day of February 2023

Mr. Rohit Shetty
Advocate for the Plaintiff

SEAL

SD/-
For Prothonotary and Senior Master
Sealer
The 09th day of February 2023

Address – 22D, Motlibai Wadia Building,
Ground Floor, G-15 S.A. Brelvi Marg,
Opp. Podar Chambers Fort, Mumbai 400 001.

You are hereby informed that the legal Services from the State legal Services Authorities, High Court Legal Services Committees, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka Legal Services Committees as per eligibility criteria are available to you, and in case, you are eligible ad desire to avail the free legal services, you may contact any of the above Legal Services Authorities / Committees.

N.B. - A copy of the plaint along with all annexures there to, certified as true copy by Advocate for Plaintiff, is enclosed herewith.

Note : Next date in this Suit is 09-03-2023, Please check the status and next/further date of this Suit on the official website of the High Court - https://bombayhighcourt.inc.in

OPPORTUNITIES

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'The question of building stakeholder trust can have more airtime in the boardroom'

Picking the brains of 177 board members and C-suite executives across 30 countries, a survey under the Deloitte Global Boardroom Program has tried to make sense of how "boardrooms nurture and measure stakeholder trust".

Reportedly, Deloitte also spoke with business and academic leaders and subject matter specialists to get their insights on what is being done in boardrooms around the world to build trust, where the obstacles lie, and where boards could do more to help build and nurture stakeholder trust.

Sixty-seven percent of the 177 board members and C-suite executives surveyed said their organisation approached trust proactively, and that trust was built into their ongoing operations. The remaining one-third of respondents reported a more reactive stance, with 22% underlining the lack of a consistent approach to building trust; and 8% noting that their organisations prioritised trust only in the wake of a crisis.

Trust maturity

Additionally, 39% of respondents categorised their organisation as achieving a high level of trust maturity, meaning they had well-defined trust objectives and metrics, took consistent actions across all parts of the organisation, and regularly discussed trust in board and executive meetings.

A greater number of respondents (45%) reported a moderate level of trust maturity, meaning that trust was acknowledged as a business imperative and discussed periodically at board and executive meetings, but it had yet to be enacted formally throughout the organisation.

Sixteen percent of respondents said their organisations had a low level of trust maturity, meaning they lacked a solid definition for trust, leaders had occasional and reactive discussions, and that they were yet to put processes in place for measuring or operationalising trust.

Impact of trust

All respondents agreed that trust impacted performance: 94% said it was "important" and only 6% said it was "somewhat important" to their organisation's performance.

Respondents also noted that the level of trust their organisation had with stakeholders had a high impact on the following aspects of their operations: business relationships (81%); employee engagement (79%); customer loyalty (76%); financial performance (66%); and market value (60%).

The responsibility

When assigning responsibility for managing trust, respondents feel both CEOs and boards have a leading role to play. Eighty-two percent of the respondents said the CEO was ultimately responsible for trust leadership at the company, while 95% said the board should play a key part in building and protecting stakeholder trust.

Despite broad acknowledgement of their responsibility, survey results suggested that boards had more work to do to embed trust as a prominent feature on the agenda. Fifty-three percent said they had no fixed cadence for such discussions – being guided instead by events as they arose.

Fewer than one-third (28%) of the respondents said their boards put trust on the agenda twice a year or more, and 10% reported that they did not discuss trust at all as a board.

Stakeholder concerns

The report also noted that how an organisation responded to events played an outsize role in determining the level of trust stakeholders placed in that organisation.

For example, two-thirds (67%) of respondents said overcoming COVID-19 pandemic-related challenges was the main area of focus for building stakeholder trust.

With the pandemic becoming less of a pressing concern in many regions, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues are quickly becoming some of the issues more likely to impact corporate trust-building.

While 45% of respondents said ESG was a key driver of trust for companies, that number increased to 61% when respondents pointed to priorities over the next three years.

They envisioned ESG and climate change becoming even more of a priority than other vital trust areas such as customer experience (52%), innovation (50%), and cybersecurity (49%).

In a release, Atul Dhawan, chairperson, Deloitte India, said: "Usually, trust is seen as a softer issue not capable of measurement and consequently tracking progress on how trust performs over time. What is needed is a framework that would not just measure but provide a path for implementation of the related initiatives." Michael Bondar, Deloitte Global Enterprise Trust Leader, said: "When it comes to building trust, organisations should remember two key principles: Every stakeholder counts – from shareholders to employees, customers, ecosystem partners and wider society – and action is key."

GENERAL

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EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

No. GA5/9404/2022 Dt: 13.02.2023

Ref:- Notification No. GA5/9404/2022(i) dated 11.01.2023

Last date for the receipt of application for the appointment of
Dean, Faculty of Fisheries Management (FFM), Dean, Faculty of Fisheries Engineering (FFE) and Controller of Examinations is extended up to **10.03.2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR i/c

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GENERAL

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	Electronics-08 (UR-03,OBC-NCL-03, SC-01, ST-01)	Ghaziabad			
	Mechanical-16 (UR-06, OBC-NCL-04, SC-03, ST-01, EWS-02)	Ghaziabad			
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INBRIEF

Budget session will end on Feb. 24: Speaker Kageri

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that the Budget session of the legislature, which would be also the last session of the present government, would conclude on February 24. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds the Finance portfolio, will present the State Budget on Friday at 10.15 a.m. and there will be a debate on the Budget proposals on February 20, 21, and 22. Mr. Bommai will reply to the debate on February 23. A photo session of members of the 15th Legislative Assembly will be held on February 20 at 4.30 p.m.

Decision on CBI probe into coop. bank scams soon

Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekar on Tuesday informed the Legislative Council that all information about the scams in Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank, Sri Guru Sarvabhauma Souharda Pattina Cooperative Society and Sri Vashishtha Credit Souharda Cooperative Society in the city has been gathered through various organizations and will be submitted to the Home Department in three to four days.

Responding to Congress member U.B. Venkatesh, the Minister said an appropriate decision about handing over the investigation to CBI will be taken soon. Pointing out that investigation so far had revealed a fraud of ₹1,200 crore, the Minister said, "The CID is investigating the case now. It has not been entrusted to the CBI at this stage because it would cause further delay."

Opposition leaders demand reversal of decision to close down VISL at Bhadravati

The Union Minister for Steel said that closure was initiated owing to high costs, low production, and lack of an operational captive iron ore mine

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst protests by workers on closure of the historic Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) at Bhadravati in Shivamoga district, both the Houses of Legislature on Tuesday saw demand by the Opposition to reverse the decision taken by the Union government.

Union Minister for Steel Jyotiraditya M. Scindia had informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday that the process of closing VISL was initiated due to high costs, low volume of production, and the lack of an operational captive iron ore mine in Karnataka.

Launching a scathing attack on the government in the Legislative Council, Leader of Opposition B.K. Hariprasad said this amounted to an 'act of treason'. He said the company started in 1918 by the Wadiyars has been the pride of Karnataka.

The Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd. plant at Bhadravati in Shivamogga district. FILE PHOTO

"Why is the government privatising public enterprises including VISL, Mysore Soaps and Detergents and Mysore Lamps? Is this Karnataka model? This is nothing but an act of treason," he said.

Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani defended the privatisation and said initially industries were being set up by kings. Subsequently, State and Union governments took up the task of setting up industries and this was followed by the cooperative sector. "But now, no new companies are set up by the government in any State. Privatisation is being mooted to ensure revival of the sick companies so that employment opportunities are created," he said.

Objecting to this, Mr. Hariprasad said: "If the government has guts, it should privatise Mandya Sugar Factory. Will the people spare you if you do that? Can you afford to do that-?" Continuing his attack he said, "HMT closed down, ITI closed down, why did you privatise Mangaluru Airport which was a profit making enterprise?"

Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah also took exception to the Centre's decision to close down the unit and urged the State government to prevail upon the Centre to reconsider its decision. Expressing concern that a large number of workers would lose their jobs if the unit was closed, he urged the State government to bring pressure on the Centre not to close it down.

VISL protesters to meet PM Modi if demands are not met

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the backdrop of Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's reply in the Rajya Sabha about the closure of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited (VISL) in Bhadravathi taluk, around 1,500 contract workers are planning to meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi if their demands are not met by February 26.

"We have faith in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and our MP B.Y. Raghavendra that they will help us. If that does not happen, then a large delegation from Bhadravathi will go and meet PM Modi when he comes to Shivamogga for airport inauguration," said H.G. Suresh, VISL Contract Employees' Association.

He added that the 211 permanent workers and 53 officers who worked at VISL will be transferred to other plants which come under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), but contract workers will have to face the heat of the closure which will cost them their livelihoods. The protest of contract workers has been going on for 27 days now.

'Clean governance' claim questioned

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Questioning the claims of clean administration in Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's address to the joint session of the State legislature, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah on Tuesday reiterated the demand for a judicial probe by a sitting SC judge into the allegations of corruption in awarding government contracts in the state.

At a debate in the Assembly on a motion of thanks to the governor's address, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the proposed probe could cover corruption allegations, if any, with respect to government contracts from 2008 when the BJP formed its government in the State for the first time. He alleged that corruption in government contracts had become the talk of the town ever since Karnataka State Contractors' Association president Kempanna wrote to Prime Minister Modi, accusing the State government authorities of demanding 40% commission to clear bills of contractors.

Stoking emotions

He also took exception to Home Minister Amit Shah declaring during his recent visit to the State that the debate on Rani Abbakka vs. Tipu Sultan was the agenda for the forthcoming Assembly elections. Describing this as a communal agenda, he said the BJP did not have any development vision. "The BJP should be ashamed that they are banking on an issue that could stoke emotions," he remarked.

Denying the allegations that several PFI activists facing criminal cases had been released when he was CM, Mr. Siddaramaiah said they were farmers' leaders, Dalit leaders and student activists, and not PFI activists.

Free of controversy

Earlier in the day, Mr. Siddaramaiah told the Assembly that unlike governors in neighbouring states in south India, Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot was free from controversy.

He said the governor has maintained the dignity of the Raj Bhavan and was not involved in any controversies, unlike a few others of other states. However, Mr. Siddaramaiah was pained by the fact that the Governor had been used to read out a speech written by the State government, which was nothing but a "bundle of lies."

HC displeased over panel's failure to meet as per law to review implementation of SC/ST Act

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday expressed serious displeasure over not holding of the meeting of Chief Minister-headed High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee from the past year to review the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi made these observations on noticing that the CM-headed committee had failed to even once in 2022 though law makes it mandatory to hold two meetings, in January and in July, of every calendar year. Also, no meeting is held so far in 2023, the Bench noted.

The Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed in 2020 by Parishishta Jathi/Parishishta Pangadagala Melvicharane Mattu Balavardhana Sangha, Bengaluru, complaining about effective implementation of SC and ST (PoA) Act.

The Bench noted that meeting was not held in 2022 even though the court back in 2021 had taken exception for not holding the meeting of the CM-headed committee, which was set up as per the mandate of the Rule 16 (2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

The Rule 16 also puts responsibility on the CM-headed committee to review relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and other matters connected therewith, prosecution of cases under the SC and ST (PoA) Act, role of different officers/agencies responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act and various reports received by the State Government.

On the reports submitted by the State Government on holding meetings of district level and the sub-divisional level vigilance and monitoring committees, the court said that it was prima facie not satisfied with the reports.

The reports raise more questions that providing answers to various issues raised by the court during earlier hearing and reports appears to be prepared in hurry to show to the court that some action has been taken, the Bench observed while adjourning further hearing by three weeks.

Word 'lie' not unparliamentary: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the word 'lie' (sullu) is not an unparliamentary word and defended its use on the floor of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaking on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address to the joint session of the State Legislature, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the government has "told many lies" through the Governor's speech. The ruling BJP government had hardly implemented 10% of its promises made in the election manifesto in 2018.

When Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri intervened and asked Mr. Siddaramaiah whether the word *sullu* (lie) was a parliamentary word, Mr. Siddarmaiah said, "Yes, it is," and defended its use. Mr. Madhuswamy recalled the proceedings of a debate during the Congress government led by S.M. Krishna about 20 years ago and said then CM Krishna asked members to use the word 'lie' instead of using words 'far away from truth' *(satyakke dooravadaddu)* to criticise the government's performance.

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No. PCB/WMC/225/CETP/2020/2022-23/7541 Date : 10-02-2023

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Letter No. 412 / **CORRIGENDUM** Date - 14.02.2023

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"e"-Procurement Notice No. 55 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)
On-line tender is invited for the following work on EPC-Turn Key Basis:

Sl No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Crores) (excluding GST)	Bid Security (through on-line transfer (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Submission of tender (on-line)
01	Construction of weir across river Budhabalanga near village Madhapanda of Badasahi Block in the district of Mayurbhanj.	OCCL-SCP/02/2022-23	Rs.86.85 Crores	Rs.86,85,000/-	24 (twenty four) Calendar months	From 17.02.2023, 3.30 PM to 03.04.2023, 5.30 PM.	From 17.02.2023, 3.30 PM to 03.04.2023, 5.30 PM.

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 04.04.2023, 12.00 Noon
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal : https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

CAD-4836 MANAGING DIRECTOR OIPR-34120/11/0050/2223

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Notification No. 1074 / OSMCL/2023 Date : 13/02/2023

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF 128 SLICE CT SCAN MACHINE FOR DEPT. OF RADIO DIAGNOSIS OF SCB MCH-CUTTACK

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for Supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2022-23/CT Scan Retender SCBMCH Cuttack/17	Re-tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 128 slice CT Scan Machine for Dept. of Radio diagnosis of SCBMCH-Cuttack.	5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	14.02.2023, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	21.02.2023, 11.00 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		01.03.2023, 3 PM	21.03.2023, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	23.03.2023, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

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CAD-4829 : Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha OIPR-10112/11/0058/2223

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

G.Harikrishnan (64) , Retired Senior Supervisor, Office Aides, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 14-02-2023. Address: Plot No:1, Pillayar Kovil 2nd Street, Menambedu, Ambattur, Chennai- 600053.Contact : 9677237344

SAD DEMISE

MR. N. SUNDARAM
Senior Executive at Tata Steel (1952-1991) Retd.
BSc Chemistry and BSc Metallurgy from BHU (1948-1952), passed away on **February 14th 2023** at Pondicherry.
Deeply mourned by Sudha Sundararaman, S.G. Ram, Prakash Sundaram and families.
Funeral will be held on **February 15th 2023** at 10.30am, Karuvadikuppam, Puducherry 605008.
Ct: 9987438273, 9150091692.

DEATH

OBITUARY

Smt.N.RENGANAYAKI (92)
Attained Aacharyan Thiruvadi on 13.02.2023. Deeply Mourned by Family and Friends.
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OBITUARY

Shri.R.J. Parthasarathy (92 yrs)
Retd MAPP Kalpakkam,
Head Planning NPC Mumbai
attained Aacharyan Thiruvadi on 10th Feb 2023
Grieving family
Smt Kusuma Parthasarathy
Smt Aruna Ramakrishna
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Dr. R. J. Kalpana
Cell **9843165014**

DEATH

Smt. LALITHA GANESAN
D/o Late Adv. N.R. Subramanian,Nagai
W/o Late D. Ganesan, Mayavaram
attained Shanthi on **9 Feb 2023.**
Rituals at Chennai.
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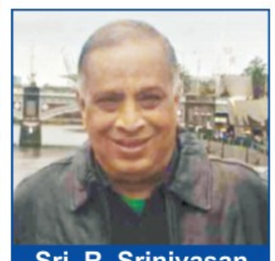
DEATH



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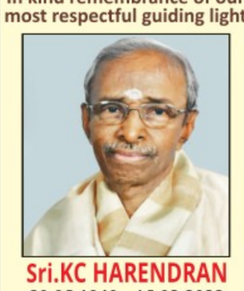

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INBRIEF

Jagan inaugurates 20 tourist police outposts in A.P.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday inaugurated tourist police outposts at 20 important religious and tourist places. These security kiosks will work as additional police stations and attend to complaints from tourists, he said. The tourist police outposts would be run by specially trained personnel headed by an SI or ASI rank officer.

Dual dashcams on buses to prevent rash driving in Kerala

All stage carriage buses in Kerala will have dual dashcams by February 28, one facing the road in front and the other facing the interior. The decision was made at a meeting in Kochi on Tuesday by Transport Minister Antony Raju, held in the wake of a spree of fatal accidents.

From Page One

KSLSA suggests extending rebate on traffic fines

Mr. Saleem had on February 10 written to the KSLSA requesting extension of 50% rebate for two more weeks as the rebate offered had received huge response.

The 50% rebate offered from February 3 to 11 found closure of 52,11,424 traffic rules violation cases. across the State. resulting in collection of ₹152 crore fine amount.

The rebate was offered based on the recommendations made by the KSLSA on January 27 to settle the pending traffic violation cases amicably by bringing these cases under the ambit of Lok Adalat settlement.

Mudigere MLA convicted in 8 cheque dishonour cases

M.P. Kumaraswamy asked to pay ₹1.23 crore to complainant or face six months jail in each case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special court in Bengaluru has convicted M.P. Kumaraswamy, BJP MLA for Mudigere, in eight cases of cheque dishonour and sentenced him to pay a total amount of ₹1.23 crore to the complainant failing which the MLA will have to undergo a simple imprisonment of six months in each case.

Preeth J., judge of the special court of magistrate

M.P. Kumaraswamy

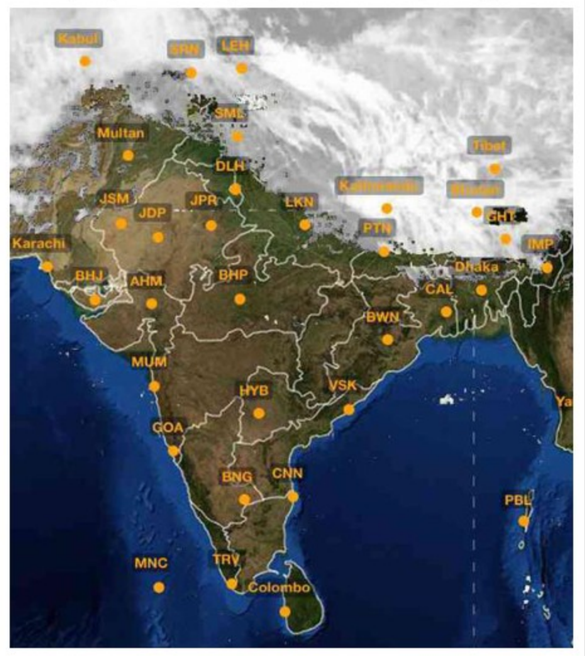
for trial of cases against MPs/MLAs, passed the order on the eight separate private complaints filed by H.R. Huvappa Gowda, a resident of Chikkamagaluru city in 2020.

The court did not accept the arguments made on behalf of the MLA that he never borrowed money from the complainant and the cheques were stolen and misused by the complainant. It was also argued on behalf of the MLA that the complainant was financially incapable of lending such a huge amount of money. However, the court refused to accept these claims as the MLA did not lend any evidence in support of such claims.

Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Gowda were known to each other for many years. Mr. Gowda had withdrawn three earlier complainants of cheque dishonour in 2018 after Mr. Kumaraswamy paid him some amount before he contested elections in 2018. It was the case of the complainant that Mr. Kumaraswamy later borrowed money and issued cheques, which were dishonoured for want of sufficient funds in the financial institutions.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Wednesday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.7	10.5	Kozhikode	—	34.8	24.3
Ahmedabad	—	34.1	13.5	Kurnool	—	36.0	17.2
Aizawl	—	28.0	4.9	Lucknow	—	23.4	9.6
Allahabad	—	25.3	9.0	Madurai	—	34.4	19.4
Bengaluru	—	31.7	15.8	Mangaluru	—	33.9	22.0
Bhopal	—	27.8	8.7	Mumbai	—	35.5	19.0
Bhubaneswar	—	32.4	15.6	Mysuru	—	33.2	14.2
Chandigarh	—	24.7	11.0	New Delhi	—	25.9	8.6
Chennai	—	32.3	20.1	Patna	—	25.2	10.2
Coimbatore	—	33.2	18.2	Port Blair	—	31.2	20.8
Dehradun	—	24.0	7.0	Puducherry	—	33.0	19.2
Gangtok	—	14.8	6.4	Pune	—	32.4	14.0
Goa	—	37.2	20.5	Raipur	—	31.2	14.4
Guwahati	—	27.4	9.4	Ranchi	—	26.0	9.7
Hubballi	—	35.0	17.0	Shillong	—	19.1	5.0
Hyderabad	—	32.8	15.1	Shimla	—	18.2	7.8
Imphal	—	26.5	8.8	Srinagar	—	13.2	-1.6
Jaipur	—	28.6	12.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.4	21.4
Kochi	—	30.8	23.6	Tiruchi	—	31.9	19.4
Kohima	—	20.6	8.2	Vijayawada	—	34.0	22.6
Kolkata	—	28.0	15.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	22.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.45	.16	.31	...203	...196	
Bengaluru	...7	..34	.25	...111	...102	
Chennai	.21	.42	.53	...212	...134	
Delhi	.13	.98	.46	...275	...160	
Hyderabad	.31	.22	.61	...131	...142	
Kolkata	.18	.14	.61	...180	...128	
Lucknow	.21	.28	.98	...126	...140	
Mumbai	.38	152	.55	...377	...211	
Pune	.90	133	112	...303	...194	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..53	.36	...169	...243	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 336 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Minimum import price of arecanut hiked

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In some relief to arecanut growers ahead of the Assembly elections in the State, the Union government on Tuesday hiked the minimum import price of arecanut from ₹251 a kg to ₹351 a kg.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce, under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued a notification to this effect by making an amendment to the import policy.

The government said: "The minimum import price imposed on tariff lines under 080280 (that is whole, split, ground and other category of arecanuts) is revised from ₹251 a kg to ₹351 a kg. The import policy of supari under ITC HS (21069030) (betelnut product known as supari) is revised from 'free' to 'prohibited' and import shall be free if CIF (cost, insurance and freight) value is ₹351 or above per kg. The given conditions shall not be applicable for imports by 100% export oriented units and units in the Special Economic Zones subject to the condition that no DTA (domestic tariff area) sale is allowed." The hike is likely to help the domestic market maintain stability. The stakeholders of arecanut, comprising Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Cooperative (CAMPCO) Ltd., other cooperative societies, and the All-India Areca Growers' Association had been demanding the government to fix the minimum import price at ₹351 a kg.

The hike is likely to help the domestic market maintain stability; the decision comes ahead of Karnataka Assembly polls

With the new notification they expect further reduction in the influx of import of arecanut to the domestic market.

Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel, while replying to questions by Nalin Kumar Kateel, Member of Parliament, had told the Lok Sabha on February 8 that the condition of a minimum import price on arecanut had been imposed "to restrict the unabated import and to prevent the entry of inferior arecanut into the domestic market and destabilization of the domestic prices."

The DGFT had earlier hiked the minimum import price on arecanut to ₹251 a kg from ₹162 a kg on January 17, 2017.

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje said in a statement that the decision of the government will help the domestic arecanut growers. Sources said that the timing of the hike is also aimed at attracting the arecanut growers in the coastal and Malnad belts to the BJP ahead of the elections.

Greenwood High, PSBB LLA ace The Hindu Young World Quiz

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BENGALURU

The 21st edition of The Hindu Young World Quiz was held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall here on Tuesday. The event, presented by State Bank of India, was open to school students in two categories; junior (classes 4 to 6) and senior (classes 7 to 9).

The team from Greenwood High, Bannerghatta, led from the beginning to emerge victorious in the competition. The team of Suhaas Khandelwal and Nirav Nachappa scored 100 points. Suhaas, a class 5 student, and Nirav, a class 6 student, are both avid readers. Their teachers formed the team based on the marks obtained in the interclass quiz competition. "This is our first big win and we are extremely happy about it," they said.

S. Radhakrishnan, General Manager, State Bank of India, with prize winners at Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

They received trophies, medals, merit certificates, and smartwatches from *The Hindu* and goodie bags from sponsors.

Aditya Raj Bhat and Rishabh Pramod, both class 6 students of Sri Kumaran Children's Home, Mallasandra, took the first runners-up position. They received medals, trophies, merit certificates, and smartwatches from *The Hindu* and goodie bags from sponsors.

Samvit Bhaskerachary and Harsha C.E.., from Sri Kumaran Children's Home (CBSE), Mallasandra, took the second runners-up position.

After the preliminary written round, six teams made it to the on-stage final round. Teams from Greenwood High, Sarjapur, Venkat International Public School, Rajajinagar, and Carmel High School, Basaveshwaranagar, took the fourth, fifth, and sixth positions.

The teams received trophies, medals, and merit certificates from *The Hindu* and goodie bags from sponsors.

The team from PSBB Learning Leadership Academy, Laxmipura, built up a comfortable lead from the beginning and aced the competition by scoring 80 points. The team of Vineet Krishna and Vikramaditya K., class 9 students, said that the quiz club activities conducted through the year at school helped them win. "We were not hoping to win but the on-stage rounds gave us a lot of confidence," they said. They received trophies, medals, merit certificates, and smartwatches from *The Hindu* and goodie bags from sponsors.

Aditya Kathait and Ojas Abhijit H., class 9 students of National Public School, HSR Layout, won first runners-up position.

Surya R. Subramanian and Suraj Pai of Sri Kumaran Public School (ICSE), Mallasandra, took the second runners-up position.

After the preliminary written round, six teams made it to the on-stage final round. Teams from Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Residency Road, National Hill View Public School, R.R. Nagar, and Deens Academy, ECC, took the fourth, fifth and sixth positions.

The teams received trophies, medals, and merit certificates from *The Hindu* and goodie bags from sponsors.

At the valedictory function, chief guest S. Radhakrishnan, General Manager (NW-1), State Bank of India, gave away prizes to the winners. He expressed his happiness over the bank's association with *The Hindu* and remarked that both the organisations were 'most trusted' in the country.

Quizmaster V.V. Ramanan hosted the show. Over 500 teams from across the city participated.

UNIBIC was the snack partner. Naturo was the nutrition partner of the event and Rasna, the beverage partner.

Bengaluru voters can apply for replacement of EPIC cards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Tuesday announced that it will allow voters to apply for replacement of Electoral Photo ID Card (EPIC) if the cards are damaged or lost.

In a release, the BBMP said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission (EC), the voters can apply for new cards by filling the Form 8 online or offline and also through the Voter Helpline App. "Voters who have registered, but whose EPIC cards are damaged or lost, can apply for replacement of EPIC," the release said.

Once the voter applies for replacement of EPIC, they will receive the card by post. "The new EPIC will be delivered to the doorstep within 30 days by India Post," the release said.

The civic body also said that if the voter does not receive the EPIC card within 30 days through post, he or she can contact the Block Level Officer or Revenue Officers for the status of the application.

The BBMP published the final voter's list of 28 Assembly constituencies in the BBMP limits. Assembly elections in Karnataka will be held in April-May.

A.P. ranks 2nd in internet connectivity to govt. schools in South India

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Andhra Pradesh is the second State in South India after Kerala to have the highest number of internet-enabled government schools. While 94.57% of government schools in Kerala are connected to the internet, A.P. has 45% connectivity, while Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana have 24.68, 10.68 and 9.23% respectively, according to the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) of School Education and Literary Department, Ministry of Education (SELD).

In India, 24.15% of the total 10.22 lakh government schools have internet access. This was revealed in a response from SELD to an un-starred question raised by Tamil Nadu MP D.N.V. Senthil Kumar in the ongoing Lok Sabha sessions.

Some States and Union Territories have government schools with 100% internet connections. For example, all the government schools in Delhi (total 2,762), Chandigarh (123) and Puducherry (422) have internet connections.

Enough speed

The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) High School at Madhuranagar in Visakhapatnam is among the schools that have an internet connection. "The State government has provided the internet facility to the school this year. We teach the students with the support of tech devices," D. Shanti Kumari, the headmistress, tells *The Hindu*.

Another teacher, R. Uma Maheswari, says, "The internet speed is sufficient for the educational purposes of the students. Tabs and education material worth ₹15,000 each have also been provided to the high school students."

Andhra Pradesh Fibernet Chairman Punuru Goutham Reddy says that Andhra Pradesh will become one of the top States in the country with wide coverage of internet facility to government schools soon, thanks to the reforms introduced by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"With the support of the Sachivalayam network, we are able to speed up internet coverage to government schools apart from other users. We will be able to cover all government schools in the next few months. We are planning to provide internet to college students who have received laptops from the government," Mr. Reddy said.

SELD advised all States to enter into an MoU with BSNL and provide fiber-to-the-home internet to all government schools that have computing equipment.

English storybooks tailored to taste of lower primary students in Kerala

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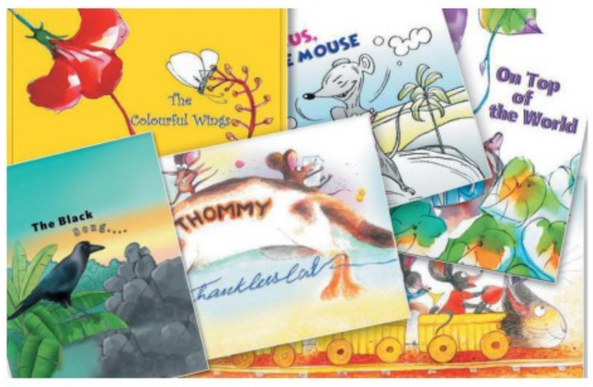
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In the book *The Black Song*, Karumban the crow perches on a plantain leaf and starts cawing, much to the annoyance of Kuttan who is forced to wake up early in the morning. In another book, it is a hot, sweltering day and all the animals wish for rain, but the tiger and the lion indulge in a game of one-upmanship. In yet another one, a train for rats has the face of a cat.

These delightful stories are from a set of 20 storybooks titled 'Hello English Kids Library Series' that have been brought out by the Samagra Shiksha, Kerala, for lower primary students in State schools as part of Hello English, its English language proficiency programme.



Catch them young: Books in the 'Hello English Kids Library Series' for the lower primary students in Kerala schools.

Work on the books, written by schoolteachers and illustrated by leading artists, began online during the COVID-19 pandemic.

C. Radhakrishnan, consultant of Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project, Samagra Shiksha, Kerala, says there is children's literature in English available but its cultural context is quite different from that in Kerala. As a result, such books may not "speak to the children" here. They may not be level-specific either.

Samagra Shiksha, Kerala's books are tailored to encourage reading among students in the State. These are level-specific, as they are written by schoolteachers who are familiar with their students' abilities. However, the books do not specify which level it actually is, leaving it to a student to decide whether the book suits them or not.

Disturbing dilation

Untamed inflation risks hurting domestic consumption

Just five days after Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das asserted that inflation 'has shown signs of moderation and the worst is behind us', Monday's release of Consumer Price Index (CPI) estimates for January revealed a disconcerting reversal in price gains trend. Headline retail inflation, which had steadily eased over the last quarter of 2022 from September's five-month high of 7.4%, quickened by 80 basis points last month to 6.5%. Propelling the acceleration was a 175 basis-points jump in food prices, with inflation measured by the Consumer Food Price Index, quickening to 5.94%, from December's 4.19%. Adding to the disquiet is the fact that inflation had already been at an elevated 6% in January 2022, implying that the year-on-year increase was sans a favourable base effect and entirely due to an upsurge in the momentum of price gains. Food prices climbed across the board, with vegetables being the solitary item in the CPI's 12-member food and beverages subgroup to post a year-on-year deflation of 11.7% as winter supply outstripped demand. Cereals, which include rice and wheat and carries the heaviest weight of almost 10% in the sub-group, logged a 16.1% jump in prices, and milk and dairy products, the second-heaviest, saw prices gain by 8.79%. Policymakers must be particularly worried about the 2.6% month-on-month dilation in cereal prices, more so because this disproportionately impacts rural households, which spend a larger share of their income on food. With a 12.4% weight in the rural consumption basket, cereal prices fuelled January's overall rural headline inflation at an even quicker 6.85% pace.

The surprise reversal in price trends suggests inflationary expectations in the economy are nowhere near anchored and will necessitate further policy action both from the RBI and fiscal authorities. To be sure, Mr. Das last week not only announced a 25 basis-points interest rate increase but also committed the RBI to enacting policy that ensures a durable disinflation. With core inflation, or price gains that strip out the impact of food and fuel prices, remaining stubbornly stuck above 6% and in fact inching up last month to 6.23%, from December's 6.22%, policymakers face the challenge of targeting the components of the inflationary trend that can be addressed by raising credit costs and tamping down on demand. Given that inflation in several key services categories including health and personal care is running well above the RBI's upper bound of 6%, with prices continuing to harden, the Centre and States must mull measures including rationalisation of GST rates to help ease the inflationary burden on the economy. With overseas demand set to stay weak this year, untamed inflation risks hurting domestic consumption and thereby overall economic growth.

Fossil and time

Absolute vesting of powers in the GSI may impede palaeontological research

Sporadically, but surely, palaeontologists report intriguing discoveries from India. In January, a team discovered 92 dinosaur nesting sites with 256 fossilised eggs of the titanosaurus – among the largest of its kind, from 100-66 million years ago, when 'India' was a continent and yet to merge into the Eurasian land mass. Similarly, the deserts of Kutch, Gujarat and the Deccan traps in Maharashtra bear witness to the forces that shaped the diverse geography, and tangentially history, of the most populous country. Unlike the quest to preserve cultural history and man-made artefacts from archaeology, there has been limited effort to preserve and communicate at large this natural 'geo-history' such as rock formations, sediment and fossils. For decades now, researchers have been warning that this neglect is leading to an erasure of this history from the public mind and a destruction as well as appropriation of this natural wealth. To that end, the draft Geo-heritage Sites and Geo-relics (Preservation and Maintenance) Bill, 2022, piloted by the Ministry of Mines, is seen as a step to give the process of such conservation firmer footing.

The Bill's provisions give the Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate body of the Ministry of Mines, the power to declare sites as having 'geo-heritage' value, take possession of relics (fossils, rocks) that rest in private hands, prohibit construction 100 metres around such a site, penalise – with fines of up to ₹5 lakh and possibly imprisonment – vandalism, defacement, and violations of directives by the Director General of the GSI. This has rankled experts who work outside the GSI-fold in central and State universities, institutes of national importance and private organisations who fear that such absolute vesting of powers in the GSI alone may impede palaeontological research. They demand a more inclusive body, on the lines of a National Geoheritage Authority, that can, more democratically, decide on declaring sites as being of 'geohistorical' importance and how best to preserve artefacts and finds. The government, it is learnt, is still far from introducing the Bill in Parliament and deliberating on several aspects. While there are merits and demerits to either approach on governance, it is important to keep in mind that legislation, while acting as a ring fence, ought not to become a tool for suppressing independent investigation. Given the premium for land and India's economic needs, there will be conflict over questions of preservation and livelihood, but any legislation must endeavour to balance these forces and enable consensus.

The Adani story and Indian neoliberalism

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A strike on the Adani group by short-seller the U.S.-based Hindenburg Research has led to the unravelling of the Gautam Adani story, which celebrated the spectacular rise, in an extremely short period of time, of the wealth of a man and his business empire. Much of that wealth disappeared following a crash in the stock values that shaved more than $100 billion off the market capitalisation of seven publicly listed Adani group companies. That led to the withdrawal, post-launch, of a $2.5 billion share issue and, possibly, of rounds of borrowing.

Meteoric rise, capital-intensive projects

Following those events, attention has shifted to what this episode says about the larger Indian growth story. Two features of the Adani story are of significance here. The first is that the gravity-defying climb in market value of the listed companies was accompanied by an expansion of the physical assets of the group that, in the same short span of time, displaced well-entrenched business groups that dominated India's corporate sector. That kind of rise had happened only once before, with the Reliance group under Dhirubhai Ambani. As in that case, in this one too, the incumbent leaders could not stop the meteoric rise of an 'upstart' group.

The second is that the growth of the Adani group occurred through investments largely in capital-intensive infrastructural areas – power generation, ports, airports and roads, besides mining and metals. Till well into the era defined by the Indian government's embrace of neoliberalism, these sectors were largely the preserve of the public sector. This was not only because private entry was restricted by policy, but because even when such restrictions were being relaxed, private investment lagged. One reason was that these sectors required large investments, involved long gestation lags, and were, therefore, more risky. The other was that in many of these areas, the pricing policy of the government and of the public enterprises were such that when profits were made, projects were less profitable than elsewhere.

Rising to dominance in these areas was not, therefore, the same as entering into the provision of offshored software services, for example. That was the area which in the not-too-distant past delivered high profits and triggered a rapid rise in market valuation of the companies that made their promoters India's new billionaires. Infrastructure needs large outlays, and the rewards are limited even when positive. Entrants into the infrastructural sectors need to risk large volumes of capital, only a small proportion of which can flow from the own coffers of a fledgling entrepreneur. Gautam Adani not only invested in more than one such project in any single infrastructural area but also made investments in greenfield projects or acquisitions to build large asset shares in multiple areas. His genius seemed to lie in the ability to mobilise the resources required for this near-impossible task.

> This episode illustrates that neoliberalism is not about market competition but about redistributing income and wealth to favoured business groups

The favourable factors

When climbing that hill, Mr. Adani was undoubtedly favoured by features of India's neoliberal policy regime after the turn of the century, that underpinned the spike in GDP growth to around 8% per annum during 2003-04 to 2011-12. One was India's success, especially after 2003, in using liberalisation to attract large inflows of foreign financial capital into its bond and equity markets. The consequent surge in domestic liquidity swelled deposits in India's banking system and set off a credit boom.

Banks looking to expand their loan base had to resort to aggressive lending practices that took them into new areas, including infrastructure which was earlier considered too risky. This shift was encouraged by contradictory elements of the neoliberal growth strategy. On the one hand, the government focused on building infrastructure needed to support a private sector-led growth strategy.

On the other, it was committed to both incentivising the private sector with tax concessions as well as veering in the direction of fiscal conservatism that abjured debt-financed expenditure. To ensure both, spending had to be reined in, including public investment. That raised the question as to which actors would invest in the infrastructure, since, till then, the private sector had largely shunned that domain. To resolve this conundrum, the neoliberal state chose the option of getting the private sector to do the job, attracting it by promising support to mobilise the required resources as well as to 'de-risk' and improve the profitability of such investments. Subsidies and 'viability gap funding' from state coffers and flexible pricing were examples of such support. A crucial component of that agenda was the provision of large volumes of credit from a public banking system awash with liquidity to private sector firms investing in infrastructural areas.

The spate of reports that followed the Hindenburg hit (some of which contain convincing data) suggest that the Adani group benefited disproportionately from these features of the neoliberal policy regime. It borrowed heavily from public sector banks as well as obtained equity financing from public financial institutions such as the Life Insurance Corporation of India, to establish a presence in a range of infrastructural areas in a short period of time. Benefits did not stop there. Evidence suggests that official permissions, easy environmental clearances, access to land and convenient policies, combined to drive the Adani expansion as well as convey the impression that the group was too important not to succeed. It was inevitable that this special treatment that contributed to the group's race to the top would be attributed to the proximity of group-founder Gautam Adani to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The ideological case for incentivising the private sector can, after all, provide the excuse for excessively favouring one or more private players, for whatever reason. Contrary to the rhetoric of neoliberal advocates, the embrace of markets does not increase transparency and reduce bias.

Regulatory restraint

In fact, rumours of state patronage possibly also encouraged foreign bond and equity investors searching for higher yields to buy into Adani, whenever the opportunity arose. But, possibly influenced by the need to retain control over a capital thirsty business, Adani seems to have preferred debt, with free floating shares of its listed companies available for trading being a small proportion of the total. To mobilise that credit, Hindenburg argues, and many others concur, the group used related-party shell companies claiming to be independent to park finance in tax havens abroad, that was then used to acquire the shares of Adani firms. That helped raise share values to unwarranted levels, but, despite red flags from multiple sources, that did not evince any scrutiny by Indian regulators whether of the Adani firms, the foreign investors or the banks investing in and lending to the companies. State support was combined with regulatory forbearance. The resulting soaring share values served in more ways than raising Gautam Adani's wealth status. They helped to mobilise large volumes of credit from domestic and foreign financial firms by pledging shares with inflated values as collateral. Finance did not seem a constraint that could stop the group's expansion. Till Hindenburg came along.

The Adani group sought to dismiss the allegations of the shortseller and tellingly suggested that this was not just an attack on the group but on the Indian success story. But that does not seem to have convinced private creditors and investors. Share prices collapsed leading to margin calls from those holding shares of inflated value as collateral. Thus far, Adani is holding out, even opting for early repayment of loans totalling $1.1 billion and releasing some pledged shares of group companies. But the story being told has not yet reached completion. What it has already made clear, however, is that neoliberalism is not about market competition and transparency, but an instrument to engineer income and wealth redistribution. In this case in favour of one individual and his group.

Shaping a more disabled-friendly digital ecosystem

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The estimation in Census 2011, that 2.21% of India's population is disabled is a gross underestimation. According to the World Health Organization, about 16% of the global population is disabled. If that figure is extrapolated to the Indian context, it would mean at least 192 million disabled people. While technology has enormous potential to level the playing field for the disabled, it can, at the same time, reinforce the barriers that the disabled otherwise face if it is not designed with their needs in mind. Here is another point. India, it is reported, had 750 million Internet/smartphone users in 2020. Applying the 16% figure here, this works out to be roughly 120 million (12 crore) Internet/smartphone users with disabilities.

Apps and an evaluation

There is no denying the fact that our lives are increasingly being led digitally, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. We use apps to order groceries, food, medicines, in dating, socialising, entertainment and education. Being blind ourselves, we know that there is a long way to go when it comes to making apps disabled friendly. To provide evidence-based assessment of the problem and spur conversations and reforms, we co-authored (with like-minded colleagues) a report that evaluates the accessibility of 10 of the most widely used apps in India, across five sectors. These sectors were chosen based on broad stakeholder consultation with people with disabilities, and the 10 apps, based on the amount of online traffic. The apps were Zomato, Swiggy, PayTM, PhonePe, Amazon, Flipkart, Uber, Ola, WhatsApp and Telegram.

We used the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (a set of globally recognised parameters to determine how disabled friendly an app or website is) to evaluate these apps. Based on the number of violations, we categorised the level of accessibility of the apps as "high", "medium" and "low". Our report found that four out of the 10 apps ranked low, while five were in the medium category. The report was launched on January 13, by Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities, Government of India.

We invited representatives of all 10 apps to attend our event. We think that it is no mere coincidence that the only app which sent a representative was the one ranked high in the index, i.e., WhatsApp. This is a pointer to the need to work with intentionality in creating disabled-friendly infrastructure, either physical or digital.

Our goal for launching this report and rating index was not to call out apps that were inaccessible, but, instead, to start discussions on digital accessibility, product design and the development process. In fact, this project has two phases. The launch of the report was the culmination of the first phase where we objectively assessed the digital accessibility of the apps.

The second phase is to work with these service providers and help them design practices and processes that will not only improve app accessibility but also educate their stakeholders about accessibility and people with disabilities. This will hopefully improve design and development practices so that the apps are accessible right from the inception and we do not have to remediate for accessibility. We think that this will also help change attitudes around disability in the country, especially within the business community – moving them away from a charity approach to a rights-based and investment outlook.

> Incorporating the principles of accessibility and inclusive design into every digital offering must begin from inception

Use of AI and algorithms

As with other sectors, we are excited by the role technology can play in our efforts. We currently use technology to automate a large number of accessibility tests, and combine that with in-depth manual testing to provide comprehensive accessibility feedback to developers. AI can help to further automate the accessibility testing process, and feedback from users with disabilities can now be analysed at scale to provide actionable insights to developers and companies. All of this is core to this project and our initiative, and we look forward to making these tools available broadly. While our hope is that this know how combined with our advocacy will encourage companies to do the right thing by incorporating accessibility, we will not shy away from legal recourse as the last resort either. There have been positive developments from the courts lately on the need for accessibility across sectors, and we hope to use it to push for more accessibility should the need arise.

Core to the project of securing a more disabled friendly digital ecosystem must be the conviction that, "everything digital must be accessible to everyone" (as Mr. Aggarwal put it in his keynote address). This starts with incorporating the principles of accessibility and inclusive design into every digital offering, right from inception. India needs to be truly accessible for all people with disabilities. Organisations, companies, civil society, the government and the courts must make this happen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Probe this strange claim

The startling "revelation" by the Tamil nationalist movement leader, Pazha Nedumaran, on the LTTE's V. Prabhakaran, is ill-timed and has been made oblivious of the repercussions to and the plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka. It has the potential to give rise to ethnic conflict once again. Distraught Tamils in Sri Lanka have still not come back to normal life after a devastating civil war. This "disclosure" would only lead the majority to look at Tamils with suspicion again. Since the LTTE was banned in India, the Indian government should ascertain the facts from the Sri Lankan government and issue a clarification to prevent any form of militancy recurring in India and Sri Lanka.

V. Subramanian,
Chennai

The claim is both amusing and surprising. Was not Prabhakaran's passing duly confirmed by the Sri Lankan government? In the absence of any solid evidence, one has to infer that such claims are driven by political interests, and to reignite the dormant morale of the outfit. Even though the timing and the reason for raking up the issue now are not known, the economic turbulence and political situation in Sri Lanka apart, growing anger and unrest by various segments against the ruling dispensation there cannot be wished away. The issue has no relevance to India, but any attempt to stoke passions and excitement by vested interests and fringe elements needs to be taken note of.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

China's claim

While the U.S. claims to have shot down another mystery object over its skies, China has accused the U.S. of having sent over 10 balloons into its space ('World' page, February 14). The two countries have been engaged in a political and trade standoff, so are we in for a new front being opened, i.e., military spying? The tug of war only gets worse.

R. Sampath,
Chennai

WPL and the future

The conduct of the inaugural Women's Premier League auction is bound to lead to packed stadia and more teams growing in the tournament. Just as the IPL influenced fielding and batting standards, the WPL is sure to pave the way for Indian women improving their standards in Tests.

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Ladakh, a fragile region, needs autonomy

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The normally peaceful residents of Ladakh are in agitation mode. They are set to gather in Delhi today to pursue their demand for special constitutional status, which would allow them to decide on a development path that safeguards the region's fragile ecological and cultural heritage.

On January 26, one of Ladakh's most respected educationists and inventors, Sonam Wangchuk, began a fast in the open in sub-zero temperatures. He issued an appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet this demand. On January 31, Leh held perhaps its largest-ever demonstration with over 20,000 people. Two weeks before this, the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance, two of Ladakh's most powerful religious and political organisations, rejected a committee set up by the Central government to examine the status issue. They said the committee's mandate was vague and did not consider the specific demands made by them. Student groups and civil society groups too have ramped up their demand for constitutional safeguards.

A fragile ecosystem

Why are the people of Ladakh dissatisfied with the region's status as a Union Territory (UT)? After all, Ladakhis had been demanding UT status for many years, and when it was announced in 2019 by the Centre, there had been celebrations across the region.

Since 2019, the celebratory mood has considerably diminished. Many Ladakhis have realised that their real need of relatively free and autonomous functioning and substantial local employment generation is still a mirage. For 1,000 years, Ladakh was an independent kingdom before being integrated into Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The memory of this long history has not been erased, and it rankles that while it is no longer subject to J&K, Ladakh is now being ruled from New Delhi.

In 2019, the BJP government had announced that Ladakh would get special constitutional status providing it autonomy. Before the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (AHDC) election, Sixth Schedule status was promised to the region, similar to what is seen in some parts of north-east India. This promise is yet to be fulfilled. The Home Minister has rebuffed senior Ladakhi politicians and activists who have approached him on this.

It is important to understand the sensitivity of Ladakh. The region's cold desert ecosystems harbour rare mammals like the wild yak and the snow leopard, and diverse flora. Cultures and livelihoods have evolved to be sensitive to the fragility of ecosystems that cannot bear heavy human activity. High-altitude pastoralism, agriculture, and trade have been the mainstays of Ladakhi economy and society for centuries.

Administrators sitting in or appointed from Delhi hardly comprehend what can and cannot work in such a landscape. Ladakh is already groaning under infrastructure development, intense armed forces presence, and excessive tourism. Since Ladakh became a UT, there is even more focus on an exploitative 'development' path. There is enormous commercial interest for mining, tourism, hydropower, and other natural resources. The UT administration has been inviting investments in the region, and India's biggest corporations are showing interest. A new airport is under construction, and road construction, including into the relatively unexploited Zanskar region, has been ramped up. Ladakh already faces serious problems of landslides, erosion, solid waste and effluents, disturbance to wildlife, and cordoning off common lands for development projects. In the name of a 'carbon-neutral' Ladakh, mega-solar projects are in the offing; the 2023 Budget has allocated ₹20,000 crore for solar power evacuation and grid integration from a project of 13GW in the ecologically fragile Changthang region.

Since 1995, Ladakh has had an AHDC with the aim of enabling locally determined development. However, a study by Kalpavriksh in 2019 showed that decision-making was mostly dominated by Srinagar and Delhi. Exceptions showed the potential of autonomy; in 2005, the HDC with civil society groups came up with an innovative Ladakh 2025 Vision Document. Unfortunately, it remained in cold storage due to political and financial constraints. Now, the UT administration is commissioning similar documents to consultancy agencies from outside Ladakh, as if local people don't have enough expertise.

Working together

There are opportunities for Ladakh and Delhi to work together. A Hill Council decision for Ladakh agriculture to become fully organic could be backed by the Central government (for instance, by requiring the armed forces to purchase locally grown and made items). Communities could be aided to claim and operationalise collective rights over grasslands using the Forest Rights Act. Tourism could be fully oriented towards community-run, ecologically sensitive visitation.

Ladakhi civil society organisations and some government departments are already implementing amazing initiatives for livelihoods sensitive to the area's ecology, decentralised solar energy use, sustaining the food and agricultural heritage, entrepreneurship, and much else. But if the Central government (and some of Ladakh's own people) continue with the present mindset, all this will amount to nothing. A constitutional status that enables locally determined pathways, driven by a sensitive local population, can help avoid the disastrous track that many other parts of India have tread.

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Taxing times in Kerala

The LDF faces the task of tackling the UDF's protests and also mollifying the people

STATE OF PLAY

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Budget week is that time of the year when the state of public finances comes under relentless scrutiny. This year has been no different in Kerala.

Ahead of the Budget presentation by Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal, the Opposition Congress-led UDF released a white paper that painted a depressing picture of the State's finances. Mr. Balagopal presented the Budget for 2023-24 on February 3. His announcements of a bevy of tax proposals and a social security cess on petrol, diesel and liquor, which were the rather unexpected highlights of his Budget speech, kicked off a political storm. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Mr. Balagopal have staunchly defended the proposals, but the UDF is not convinced.

Accusing Mr. Vijayan's government of overburdening the people, four MLAs of the UDF announced an indefinite stir inside the State Assembly and protests outside it. The Leader of the Opposition, V.D. Satheesan, declared that the protests would continue until the tax proposals and cesses were scrapped.

That the water charges too were increased on the same day the Budget was presented hasn't helped the government on the public relations front. Looking to bolster revenues by an additional ₹2,955 crore, Mr. Balagopal announced, among other things, a ₹2 cess on petrol and diesel, a ₹20 per bottle cess on Indian-made foreign liquor costing ₹500-999, and ₹40 on liquor costing above ₹1,000. The government also increased the one-time tax on motorcycles, cars, and private service vehicles, the one-time cess on newly registered motor vehicles, and the electricity duty applicable to commercial and industrial units. The fair value of land was raised by 20% and the stamp duty, from 5% to 7%.

Over the weekend following the Budget presentation, there was some speculation that the CPI(M)-led LDF government would go easy on some of the proposals. But the following Monday, the UDF announced its stir in the House, which drew a sharp reaction from Mr. Balagopal who denied that the tax hikes were needlessly steep. He argued that the government's hand was forced by the unsympathetic fiscal policies of the Central government which have sharply diminished the State's share from the divisible pool. The cesses on fuel and liquor were for the "larger good" and were vital to keeping the social security pensions going for over 60 lakh people, he argued. Moreover, the tax on liquor has not been hiked in two years, Mr. Balagopal said. In the case of motor vehicles, the tax hikes were decided after examining the rates in neighbouring States, he said.

On February 9, Mr. Vijayan called a press conference where he backed the Budget proposals and slammed the Centre for attempting to strangle the State financially. The next day, K. Sudhakaran, president of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee, urged the people to boycott the fuel cess.

On the broad fiscal front, Kerala has been showing encouraging signs of a post-pandemic recovery. In 2021-2022, the GSDP at constant prices grew by 12.01% from -8.43% the previous year, according to the Economic Review 2022, which was tabled in the Assembly. Agriculture and allied sectors clocked a growth of 4.64% in 2021-22 compared to 0.24% in 2020-21. Industry grew from -2.82% to 3.87% and the service sector grew from -14.44% to 17.3%.

While this is good news, a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General tabled in the Assembly on February 9 by and large endorsed the observation of several leading economists that Kerala has, over the years, been sloppy in effectively tapping available tax sources, and is skirting ground realities by taking the easy way out with fresh levies.

The 'Combined compliance report of the CAG on revenue sector for the period 2019-21' found that the government has been unable to collect ₹21,797.86 crore in revenue as on March 31, 2021. Of this bulk of arrears, ₹7,100.32 crore has been outstanding for more than five years. Some of it even goes back to 1952.

There has been considerable improvement in forecasts on the tax collection front this year with the government recently unveiling a revamped State Goods and Services Tax Department. But how the LDF government tackles the turmoil on the political front, especially once the Assembly reconvenes on February 27 after a two-week break, remains to be seen.

Education, more than wealth, determines women's marital age

For decades now, better-educated women have had more control over when they should get married

DATA POINT

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The Assam government is cracking down on child marriage and has registered over 4,000 cases just this year alone. While some people have supported this approach, social activists point out that the root of the problem – limited access to education among women – is still not being addressed.

Data from NFHS-5 show that the more educated a woman, the higher her negotiating power about when she wants to get married. Interestingly, this is not a recent phenomenon. Data suggest that for decades now, better-educated women have had more of a say on when they should get married.

Table 1 shows the median age of women when they first got married by current age, across various wealth quintiles, and years of school education completed, in 2019-21. In the survey, women who completed over 11 years of schooling (row K) and currently aged 25-29 (column I) and 45-49 (column V) were asked their age when they were first married. The median marriage age in the 25-29 age-group was 23 and in the 45-49 age-group was 22.5. The negligible difference (column I-V) shows that education has long been a controlling factor in deciding a woman's marital age.

However, the same is not true when it comes to the wealth of a household. Women who belonged to the richest 20% households (row E) and currently aged 25-29 (column I) and 45-49 (column V), were asked their age when they were first married. The median age at first marriage in the 25-29 age group was 22.8 and in the 45-49 age-group was 19.7. The difference (column I-V) shows that wealth has only recently gained relevance as a controlling factor in deciding a woman's marital age. Among older generations, even wealthier families married women at a younger age.

Though wealth has recently gained relevance, education continues to be the dominant controlling factor of the two. The median marriage age of women from the wealthiest households was still lower than that of women who completed over 11 years of schooling (E-K). Also, the median marriage age of women from the poorest households was still higher than that of women who have had no schooling (A-F).

Caste and location also play a major role **(Table 2)**. Women from SC (row A), ST (row B), OBC (row C) and other (row D) communities and currently aged 25-29 (column I) and 45-49 (column V) were asked their age when they were first married. The median marriage age among SC/ST/OBC women was below 20 even among younger generations, while that of non-SC/ST/OBC women crossed 20. Women from urban (row F) and rural (row G) areas and currently aged 25-29 (column I) and 45-49 (column V) were asked their age when they were first married. The difference (row F-G) in the median age between rural and urban women was wider among younger generations. So, the negotiating power of urban women has improved at a higher pace than that of rural women.

A similar analysis for men **(Tables 3 and 4)** shows that education was not as dominant a factor in pushing up their median marriage age as it was in the case of women. Also, the median age of marriage among men was above the legal age of 21 across all background characteristics, whereas the median marriage age was below 18 among women across categories.

There were other interesting patterns among men. In recent times, men belonging to poorer households and with fewer years of schooling have been marrying at an earlier age than before.

An age-old issue

The charts are based on data sourced from the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS) conducted between 2019 and 2021. The tables on the left show data for women and the tables on the right show data for men. Figures in rows A-K in tables 1 and 3 and rows A-G in tables 2 and 4 depict the median age of first marriage across categories

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Table 1 — Women

A-E: wealth quintiles; F-K: schooling years		Age-groups Col. I 25-29	Col. II 30-34	III 35-39	IV 40-44	V 45-49	Col. I-V
A	**Lowest**	**17.9**	**17.3**	**17.2**	**17.3**	**17.5**	*0.4*
B	Second	18.6	17.9	17.4	17.3	17.6	*1*
C	Middle	19.4	18.6	18.1	17.7	17.9	*1.5*
D	Fourth	20.5	19.9	18.9	18.5	18.4	*2.1*
E	**Highest**	**22.8**	**21.8**	**20.8**	**20.2**	**19.7**	*3.1*
F	**0 years**	**17.5**	**17**	**16.9**	**16.9**	**17.3**	*0.2*
G	<5 years	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.4	17.6	*0*
H	5-7	18.1	17.8	17.8	17.7	18	*0.1*
I	8-9	18.9	18.9	18.6	18.6	18.8	*0.1*
J	10-11	19.4	19.6	19.6	19.7	20	*-0.6*
K	**>11**	**23**	**22.8**	**22.7**	**22.3**	**22.5**	*0.5*
E-K		*-0.2*	*-1*	*-1.9*	*-2.1*	*-2.8*	
A-F		*0.4*	*0.3*	*0.3*	*0.4*	*0.2*	

Table 3 — Men

	Age-groups Col. I 30-34	Col. II 35-39	III 40-44	IV 45-49	V 50-54	Col. I-V
Lowest	**22**	**21.7**	**22.1**	**22.3**	**23.3**	*-1.3*
Second	23.7	22.8	22.9	23.3	23.6	*0.1*
Middle	24.8	24.1	23.9	23.7	24.3	*0.5*
Fourth	26.6	25.8	25.5	24.9	24.6	*2*
Highest	**27.7**	**27**	**26.7**	**26.1**	**26.3**	*1.4*
0 years	**21.7**	**21.2**	**21.6**	**22.4**	**23.1**	*-1.4*
<5 years	22.3	22.1	22.7	22.5	23.3	*-1*
5-7 years	23.2	23	23.1	23.5	24	*-0.8*
8-9 years	24.5	24.3	23.9	24.1	24.8	*-0.3*
10-11 years	25.6	25.5	25.3	25	25.2	*0.4*
>11 years	**28**	**27.6**	**27.6**	**27**	**26.8**	*1.2*
	-0.3	*-0.6*	*-0.9*	*-0.9*	*-0.5*	
	0.3	*0.5*	*0.5*	*-0.1*	*0.2*	

Table 2 — Women

A-D: caste; F-G: location		Age-groups Col. I 25-29	Col. II 30-34	III 35-39	IV 40-44	V 45-49	I-V
A	SC	19.4	18.7	17.9	17.6	17.7	*1.7*
B	ST	19.3	18.7	18.2	18.1	18.4	*0.9*
C	OBC	19.6	18.9	18.3	18.1	18.2	*1.4*
D	NOA*	20.5	19.9	19.3	19	18.9	1.6
F	**Urban**	**21.3**	**20.5**	**19.8**	**19.5**	**19.3**	*2*
G	**Rural**	**19.1**	**18.4**	**17.9**	**17.6**	**17.8**	*1.3*
D-A		*1.1*	*1.2*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.2*	
D-B		*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*0.9*	*0.5*	
F-G		*2.2*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.5*	

Table 4 — Men

		Age-groups Col. I 30-34	Col. II 35-39	III 40-44	IV 45-49	V 50-54	I-V
A	SC	24.7	23.4	23.8	23.2	23.1	*1.6*
B	ST	23.8	23.1	22.7	23.5	23.9	*-0.1*
C	OBC	25.5	24.5	24.1	24.3	24.4	*1.1*
D	NOA*	26.2	25.7	25.4	25.2	25.5	0.7
F	**Urban**	**27**	**26.1**	**25.9**	**25.8**	**26**	*1*
G	**Rural**	**24.4**	**23.5**	**23.5**	**23.3**	**23.8**	*0.6*
D-A		*1.5*	*2.3*	*1.6*	*2*	*2.4*	
D-B		*2.4*	*2.6*	*2.7*	*1.7*	*1.6*	
F-G		*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.2*	

*none of the above | Col. = Column

FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 15, 1973

First MIG 21 M aircraft handed over to IAF

Nasik, Feb. 14: The first Hindustan Aeronautics-built MIG 21-M aircraft was handed over to the Indian Air Force by the Minister for Defence Production, Mr. V.C. Shukla at a ceremonial function held at Ozar, about 24 kilometres from here to-day. The Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal O.P. Mehra received the aircraft. The Maharashtra Chief Minister Mr. V.P. Naik presided. MIG 21-M which is a modified version of the MIG aircraft has a greater striking power. This versatile aircraft was delivered months ahead of schedule by the HAL. Mr. Shukla said that to-day was a historic day in the life of the nation when the country had built and handed over to its Air Force one of the most advanced aircraft in the world. "The handing over marked the first stage of efforts at self-reliance in defence needs," he added. He was confident that such aircraft would be manufactured indigenously within the next two years. He was grateful to the USSR for helping the production of the aircraft. According to the schedule the aircraft should have been delivered in 1973-74. But the HAL had delivered the MIG 21-M months ahead. The HAL had finalised new production schemes and indigenisation of production of aircraft components and parts, he said. Mr. V.P. Naik said that Maharashtra had always played its role in fulfilling defence needs. This was possible thanks to the hard work, competence and skill of the 6,000 persons working in the HAL, he said. In 1965, Mr. Naik recalled, when Britain refused to send spare parts for defence equipment, Maharashtra assured the late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri that the State would make them for the country.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 15, 1923

French impatience

Cologne, Feb 13: All exports from Ruhr to the unoccupied Germany are forbidden except fats, cereals and manures. All other merchandise is subject to a tax of 10 per cent 'ad valorem' duty. The prohibition of exports has been enforced just in time to hold up four locomotives consigned for Russia from the Krupps. The States of Kaiserbeg and Handelshog hotels in Essex have been summarily dismissed for refusing to serve the French and the Belgians.

From Page One

Income Tax teams 'survey' BBC offices

At a press conference held here moments after news broke about the I-T survey at the BBC offices, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said that "any media organisation functioning in India will have to follow the rules and regulations of the country". "The BBC has become the most 'Bhrasht Bakwaas Corporation' in the world. Unfortunately, BBC's propaganda and Congress's agenda are on the same lines. Today, India is attaining great heights under PM Modi's leadership and some sections do not like this. The BBC has all rights to do journalism in India, but they will have to abide by the law of the land," Mr. Bhatia said.

Government sources said the key focus of the survey was to look into the "manipulation of prices for unauthorised benefits, including tax advantages". They added that "these surveys have been undertaken due to BBC's persistent non-compliance of the norms, making it a repeat offender".

Listing the alleged irregularities, a source said the BBC was "non-compliant under transfer pricing rules, persistent and deliberate violative of transfer pricing norms, and deliberately diverted significant amount of the profits and have not followed the arm's length arrangement in the case of allocation of profit".

Compared with a 'search', a 'survey' exercise is limited in its scope as the agency visits commercial premises of an assessee usually during the office hours, can only impound transaction records for scrutiny and seek clarifications from the functionaries concerned. The Income Tax Department draws the power of conducting a survey under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act.

A BBC spokesperson said in the night: "The Income Tax Authorities remain at the BBC offices in New Delhi and Mumbai. Many staff have now left the building but some have been asked to remain and are continuing to cooperate with the ongoing enquiries. We are supporting our staff during this time and continue to hope to have this situation resolved as soon as possible. Our output and journalism continues as normal and we are committed to serving our audiences in India."

Anti-encroachment drive in J&K halted

"The list has been in public domain since 2020. Notices were served to illegal occupants. After they did not bother to vacate the land, the action was taken," the official said. On January 9, the Revenue Department issued a circular stating that "all Deputy Commissioners (DC) shall ensure that all encroachment on State land, including Roshni land and Kaccharie (grazing) land, are removed to the extent of 100% by January 31".

'Against influential people'

The official said there was an "unsaid policy" to not touch the property of the poor and the marginalised and the action was against the influential people who misused their position and grabbed land. " No homes have been demolished in the ongoing anti-encroachment drive," the official said. The official denied that the eviction drive in both Jammu division and Kashmir Valley had been paused. "It is just that the land that has been retrieved so far is being geo-tagged and digitised. It cannot be that we keep removing encroachments and losing them at the same time. There is a written order that all such land has to be geo-referenced so that the same activity is not resumed again," the official said.

Wholesale inflation eased to 4.7% in January

Paddy inflation stood at 7.2% and wheat price rise at 23.6% (up from 20.7% in December 2022). Fuel and power inflation eased from 18.1% in December to the lowest level in 22 months at 15.2%, while manufactured products inflation eased marginally from 3.4% to 3% over the same time frame. "Within manufacturing, cement has registered high increase of around 8.4% which will add to building costs and can affect the real estate sector. These costs could ease with fuel prices coming down," said Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis, who expects wholesale inflation to dip further to end up around 4% by March.

"Decline in the rate of inflation in January, 2023 is primarily contributed by mineral oils, chemicals & chemical products, textiles, crude petroleum & natural gas, textiles, and food products," the Ministry said. This is the second month in a row that retail inflation, which resurged to 6.52% from 5.7% in December, is higher than the wholesale inflation rate, signalling that input cost pressures are easing for producers even as they continue to pass on the burden to consumers. "The wedge between inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) widened sharply to 177 basis points (bps) in January from 75 bps in December 2022," rating firm ICRA noted.

Food inflation, which had moderated sharply from 2.5% in November to 0.65% in December, rebounded to almost 3%. Primary articles inflation also inched up from 2.4% to 3.9% in January. Within food items, vegetable prices fell year-on-year for the third month in a row. Minerals, which have a weightage of less than 1% in the WPI, reported a 9.3% deflation compared to 30% inflation a year earlier.

Army set to close around 80 deals worth ₹15,000 cr., says Gen. Pande

Army chief says that in terms of overall combat aviation profile, force is looking at having 90-95 light combat helicopters; it is set to receive indigenous light utility helicopters to replace over 200 ageing Cheetah and Chetaks currently in service

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The Army, which is currently executing the fourth tranche of emergency procurements, has identified nearly 80 deals, roughly valued at ₹15,000 crore, the Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj Pande, said on Tuesday. On the helicopter front, he said the indigenous light combat helicopter (LCH), which the Army just inducted, was more versatile in its manoeuvrability and light weight and so is most suited for the mountains.

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, the Army moved its first LCH squadron, 351 Army Aviation, to Missamari, Assam, in the eastern sector near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) last November. The LCH is the first dedicated attack helicopter operated by the Army.

"In terms of the overall combat aviation profile, we are looking at 90-95 LCHs," Gen. Pande told pressperson on the sidelines of Aero India.

The Army is also slated to receive the AH-64E Apache attack helicopter in February 2024 as reported earlier. However, the LCH is yet to get its anti-tank and air-to-air missiles. One of the weapon systems on the LCH and the advanced light helicopter (ALH) is the HELINA (Helicopter Mounted NAG) being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Gen. Pande said HELINA trials had been a success and they were looking at integration of HELINA on the platform.

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> Army Chief

Indigenous LUH

The Army is also set to receive the indigenous Light Utility Helicopter (LUH), which Gen. Pande said falls in the category of reconnaissance and surveillance. It will replace the over 200 ageing Cheetah and Chetaks in service.

The Army sought some improvements from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) on the LUH and it was working on it, Gen. Pande said, pointing out that autopilot was one of the requirements. "We are eventually looking at 110 LUHs after the six limited series production variants are inducted," Gen. Pande said.

Army Aviation has three Brigades at Leh, Missamari and Jodhpur operating around 145 indigenous ALHs, 75 of which are the Rudra weaponised variants and around 190 ageing Cheetah, Chetak and Cheetal helicopters. Another 25 ALH Mk-III are on order and will be inducted within two years.

The Army is inducting niche technology in a big way and at the same time, looking at right-sizing its manpower. On this, Gen Pande said once new technology was inducted, it should optimise the manpower, and referred to the induction of, and the cut down on, animal transport in high-altitude areas..

'Larger Bench must examine subversion of 10th Schedule'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday said in the Supreme Court that the "artful" dodges legislators employ to subvert the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) to bring down governments and the "sweeping discretion" available to Speakers in deciding cases of disqualification of legislators need a relook by a larger Bench.

Appearing before a five-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray, said legislators were using the anti-defection law to "serve the cause of political immorality". The Bench is hearing petitions on the political crisis that brought down Mr. Thackeray's government in 2022.

Modi, Biden hail deal between Air India, Boeing

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday and the two leaders hailed the landmark agreement between Air India and Boeing as a "shining example of mutually beneficial cooperation that will help create new employment opportunities in both countries".

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office said that Mr. Modi had a "warm and productive" phone call with Mr. Biden. According to an announcement by the White House, Boeing and Air India had reached an agreement under which the airline will purchase 220 planes from Boeing.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the deepening of the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, which has resulted in robust growth in all domains, the PMO said.

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Of 19 accused of Pulwama attack, only four are at large: J&K police

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Four militants of the Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) – Masood Azhar, his brother Abdul Rauf Azhar, Ammar Alvi and Ashiq Nengroo – are the only ones on the run of the 19 who plotted the 2019 attack in Pulwama of south Kashmir, which left 40 CRPF personnel dead, according to the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Official figures suggest that the JeM, which was considered more lethal than other outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen operating in Kashmir, has dropped "considerably in its presence in south Kashmir", where it operated from the Pulwama-Awantipora-Tral belt.

"At present, the JeM has only seven or eight local members and five or six active Pakistanis, including Mossa Solaimani. The police will never allow them to flourish again," Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Vijay Kumar said.

Official sources said Azhar, founder of the JeM, went off the radar from Pakistan last year and reportedly sneaked into Afghanistan. His brother Rauf has taken over the reins of the JeM in Pakistan. Very little is known about the whereabouts of Alvi, they added.

Salute to the brave: CRPF jawans pay tribute to soldiers during the 4th anniversary of the Pulwama attack, on Tuesday. NISSAR AHMAD

Main handler

Meanwhile, Nengroo has emerged as the main handler of the JeM in the past few years and the security agencies also sharpened their focus on him.

According to police records, Nengroo managed to leave Kashmir in December 2018, just two months before the Pulwama attack.

A senior Jammu and Kashmir Police official denied the reports that Nengroo was among the four slain militants, who were travelling on a truck, in Jammu's Sidhra on December 29, 2022.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) made the last arrest in the Pulwama case in 2022 with Bilal Ahmed Kuchey, a resident of Hajibal, Kakapora, Pulwama.

It is believed that he gave the mobile phone provided to fidayeen attacker Adil Ahmed Dar, who rammed into the convoy of the CRPF near Pulwama's Lethpora area.

"Out of the 19 militants involved in the attack, eight have been killed, seven arrested and four, including three Pakistanis, are still alive," Mr. Kumar said.

Meanwhile, the Special Director-General of the CRPF, Daljit Singh Chaudhry, said the sacrifice of the Pulwama martyrs inspired the forces to work for a terror-free nation and highlighted improved security situation in Kashmir for the past few years.

PM pays tributes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid tributes to the soldiers. "The nation will never forget the supreme sacrifice of our valorous heroes whom we lost on this day in Pulwama."

The Prime Minister tweeted, "Their courage motivates the people to build a strong and developed India."

In another tweet, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "The nation can never forget their sacrifice. Their valour and indomitable courage will always remain an inspiration in the fight against terrorism."

'Decision on holding CWC election next week'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The outgoing Congress Steering Committee will meet on February 24 in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur to decide whether or not there should be elections to the Congress Working Committee (CWC), party sources said on Tuesday.

According to the Congress Constitution, "The Working Committee shall consist of the President of the Congress, the Leader of the Congress Party in Parliament and 23 other members of whom 12 members will be elected by the AICC, as per rules prescribed by the Working Committee and the rest shall be appointed by the President."

A source said that the Steering Committee, which is currently working in place of the Congress Working Committee, would meet on February 24 morning after which the party's Subjects Committee would meet to decide on the topics to be taken up during the party's 85th plenary session.

Medical assistance worth ₹7 crore given to quake-hit Turkey and Syria: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the week since two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and Syria, the Indian government has sent medical assistance worth ₹7 crore to the affected nations, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said.

On February 6, when the disaster struck, three truckloads of relief material consisting of life-saving emergency medicines and protective items were arranged at the Hindon airbase within 12 hours. The consignment consisted of 5,945 tonnes of emergency relief material which included 27 life-saving medicines, two kinds of protective items and three categories of critical care equipment, valued at approximately ₹2 crore.

"Trucks started reaching by 10 a.m. on February 7, and handing over of the relief items to the Indian Air Force (IAF) began by 4 p.m. The last truck load reached by 9.30 p.m. and the flight departed for Syria with emergency relief material by 10 p.m. for the relief operation," Mr. Mandaviya said.

On February 10, a bigger lot of relief materials was arranged for both Turkey and Syria. The consignment for Syria consisted of 72 critical care drugs, consumables and protective items of 7.3 tons, valued at ₹1.4 crore. Relief materials sent for Turkey included 14 types of medical and critical care equipment, valued at ₹4 crore, he added.

These included ECG machines, glucometers, thermometers, ventilators, wheelchairs, oxygen masks, syringes, canulas, paracetamol,among other items.

When in need: Relief material being loaded in an Indian Air Force aircraft leaving for earthquake-hit Turkey. ANI

Plane with Rahul Gandhi not allowed to land: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Congress leaders have alleged that Varanasi airport authorities had denied a chartered plane carrying former party president Rahul Gandhi permission to land on Monday night.

Congress leader and former MLA Ajay Rai said that the authorities of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport did not grant permission as they were "under pressure" from the ruling party.

Mr. Rai said the Prime Minister was anxious due to Mr. Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, and that President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Varanasi had been used as an "excuse".

The Varanasi airport authorities denied the allegations. They said in a tweet, "The flight was cancelled by M/s AR Airways by sending email to AAI Varanasi Airport at 2116 hrs on 13th Feb 2013."

Tension in U.P. village after two die during demolition drive

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Unrest gripped the Madauli panchayat in Kanpur Dehat district of Uttar Pradesh after a 44-year-old woman and her 20-year-old daughter died during an anti-encroachment drive.

Family members of the victims accused the officials of setting the house on fire leading to the deaths. The Kanpur police registered a case against more than 12 people, including the Sub-Divisional Magistrate. The incident took place on Monday when the police and revenue officials went to the village to clear encroachments from a Gram Samaj land. The kin alleged that Pramila Dikshit and her daughter, Neha, were killed when the house was set on fire by anti-social elements with the help of officials while the authorities claimed that the two died by self-immolation.

APPEAL

I am **Harini** aged 9 years, suffering from Beta Thalassemia Major and require Bone Marrow Transplantation at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is **Rs. 20,00,000/-**. Please donate and support me as my family is extremely poor and cannot afford this huge cost. I need your blessings. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged**. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

All correspondence is done through **WWS**, Regd. Public Charitable Trust, **Flat No. GF 1, Corddel Apartments, O.No.13, N.No.29, Pycrofts Garden Lane, Chennai-600006. Ph: 044-42137401/ 28235324/ 7338978027. E Mail ID: womenswelfaresyndicate@gmail.com**. Website: www.womenswelfaresyndicate.org.

Harini

‘We resolved issues despite political risks in Meghalaya’

A pre-poll alliance dilutes our stand and so it is best for the people to decide who they want, NPP supremo and CM says adding the party has a better chance in the polls due to a divided Opposition

INTERVIEW

Conrad K. Sangma

Rahul Karmakar

Meghalaya Chief Minister and National People’s Party (NPP) supremo Conrad K. Sangma is banking on the legacy of his father, former Lok Sabha Speaker Purno A. Sangma, a divided Opposition and decisive governance for his party to perform better in the February 27 Assembly election. While campaigning across the Garo Hills, he spoke about why his party did not go for a pre-poll alliance with the BJP and what he thinks of the challenge posed by the Trinamool Congress. Excerpts:

The NPP is fighting not only the Trinamool and the Congress but also its allies, including the BJP. How do you explain that?

We have always been in the NDA from my father’s time. But when it comes to elections, we have been very clear that we will always maintain our identity and fight the elections on our own terms. A pre-poll alliance dilutes our stand and so it is best for the people to decide who they want. If the people do not give a clear mandate to our party or any other, we have to find out how to move forward and work with like-minded parties we have worked with before.

Is the Trinamool your main rival given the NPP’s campaign targeting the party?

We speak about Trinamool because it has taken up the main Opposition space in some constituencies of the Garo Hills (comprising 24 of Meghalaya’s 60 seats), but we don’t see much of its presence in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills. It is not that they are going to give a fight in the Garo Hills but they seem to be in a better position than the other parties.

The Khasi-Jaintia Hills are a mixed bag where many parties are against each other. We have a better chance across the State because the Opposition is a divided house.

What do you make of the Opposition accusing the NPP of indulging in large-scale corruption?

Anyone can make allegations, but allegations do not mean there has been corruption.

Did you take a risk by inking a partial boundary settlement deal with Assam?

Resolving a 50-year-old dispute was indeed a massive political risk we took. But we decided that if we keep thinking about political risks and let a dispute go on and on, we would not be able to serve the people with total commitment. So, we went ahead aware of the challenges involved and took the first step forward by signing an agreement to resolve six of the 12 disputed locations. One has to remember there has never a perfect solution but we have tried to move towards the best solution.

What makes NPP hope to return to power?

Among several reasons is that Meghalaya has been more peaceful in the past five years than before despite a few law and order situations. We have provided stability despite functioning with six coalition partners, made positive changes in every sector and achieved targets for implementing various schemes. This is evident from Meghalaya having been marked one of the best performing States in the MGNREGS, PMGSY and immunisation. People trust us because they have seen we mean business and can make Meghalaya one of India’s top 10 States.

‘BJP failed to keep promises it made in 2018 Tripura election’

Resistance against the repression unleashed by the BJP has been growing, and voters feel that the very foundation of democracy and rule of law is being destroyed , says CPI(M) general secretary

INTERVIEW

Sitaram Yechury

Sobhana K. Nair

Ahead of the Tripura Assembly election, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury spoke about the Left Front’s prospects, dynamics of its electoral alliance with the Congress and if there is any secret understanding with TIPRA Motha. Excerpts:

In the 2018 election, the difference in vote share between the BJP-led NDA and the Left Front was less than 2%. But since then, your organisation has seen attrition due to violence against your cadres and other reasons. Will you be able to retain the vote share with an atrophied organisation?

We think we should be able to retain. On the contrary, in the last few months, the resistance against the repression unleashed by the BJP rule has been growing. There is also a widespread feeling among the electorate that this sort of a rule, whereby the very foundation of democracy and the rule of law is being destroyed is no longer permissible. This sentiment among the people of Tripura is the biggest strength, where a large section of people feel that to protect democracy, it is essential to defeat the BJP.

Secondly, all the promises the BJP made last time, importantly the ones that had influenced voters, haven’t been kept. Tripura has a large population of government employees and the BJP did not implement the promise of 7th Pay Commission. There were 10,000 teachers who were working on an *ad hoc* basis, they were removed. The promise was they will be reinstated, that did not happen. There was promise of setting up an industrial hub – a promise that remains unfulfilled. People of Tripura in much larger number than before are moving out of the State for education or employment opportunity.

Tripura under the Left Front used to give the highest number of man-days under the MGNREGS crossing 92 days per year, it is currently at eight days.

Arithmetically, the Congress and the Left alliance looks good on paper. But in the entire political history of the State, the two have been political rivals. Will this alliance work on the ground?

Objectively speaking, you are right. Often, our complaint has been that the vote transfer doesn’t take place and that votes of our ally doesn’t transfer to us, while we are successful in transferring the vote to them. But here the urge is people’s desire for change. It was not so much a conscious decision by both the parties to pool their votes, it is people who are pushing. In fact, if the seat adjustment has worked out is because of the pressure from below.

Home Minister Amit Shah is calling you triple trouble – Left, Congress and TIPRA Motha. And he says that even though you don’t have a formal alliance with TIPRA Motha, you have a secret understanding with it. Do you?

No! TIPRA Motha is also on record that they are against the BJP. Now if Mr. Shah is calling us triple trouble, all we can say is they are three-in-one trouble. You have Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Shah and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma. Mr. Sarma has virtually abandoned his State and is staying put in Tripura. We don’t know what the three of them are cooking together.

For full interview go to: bit.ly/yechurytripura

Tripura poll campaign ends

The Hindu Bureau
AGARTALA

The campaign for the Tripura Assembly election ended on Tuesday.

The district administrations have enforced Section 144 of the Cr.PC during night as a precautionary measure to hold a peaceful election on Thursday.

Shah trying to influence Tripura polls, says CPI(M)

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury wrote to the Chief Election Commissioner on Tuesday, alleging that Union Home Minister Amit Shah was trying to “influence” the Assembly election in Tripura.

Reiterating the accusations made by Jitendra Choudhury, secretary of Tripura State Committee of CPI(M), in a separate letter sent to the CEC, Mr. Yechury raised the issue of Mr. Shah’s alleged “secret meeting” with top election and police officials.

“We urge you to initiate urgent action to undo the impact which is clearly a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. We also expect that the Election Commission of India will take report from the special observers and fix responsibility on the BJP and other important election officials who met the Union Home Minister,” he said.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: Re-87/Re-88/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **JJM-(1)** WSS to Santhanpara, Rajakumary (Part) and Senapathy (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District - Supplying and Laying Distribution and providing FHTC in Santhanpara GP and (2) JJM Providing FHTCS to all household in Erattayar and Kamakshi (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki Districts - Supply and laying of RWPM and CWPM. **EMD:** Rs. 200000-500000, **Tender fee :** Rs. 11025-16540, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 08-03-2023, 04:00 pm, **Phone:** 0485-2835637. **Website:** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-1620-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 email: contact@kmml.com, URL: www.kmml.com
E-TENDER NOTICE
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No.	Tender ID	Item
1	2023_KMML_556738_1	For the supply of 760 Nos FRP Grating Heavy Duty
2	2023_KMML_558067_1	Excavation of iron oxide from third pond in as is where is condition and shifting to old ponds in KMML

Chavara 14.02.2023 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

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GSTIN - 21AAACO2571K2ZM
“e”-Procurement Notice No. 54 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)
On-line percentage rate tenders are invited for the following work:

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01	Improvement of Service Road with black topping of lift main canal under lift canal division, Kusumkhunti	OCCL-TSP/21/2022-23	Rs.23.07 Crores	Rs.23,07,000/-	09 (nine) Calendar months	From 15.02.2023, 3.30 PM to 01.03.2023, 5.30 PM.	From 15.02.2023, 3.30 PM to 01.03.2023, 5.30 PM.

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 02.03.2023, 12.00 Noon
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
CAD-4807 MANAGING DIRECTOR
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2. PWD2223WSOB15822 3. PWD2223WSOB15730
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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61/2022-23/SE/ PHC/ALP, **KIIFB - WRD 004-01** - Augmentation and Modernization of Water Supply Scheme to Alappuzha Municipality, Aryad, Mannanchery, Mararikualm South Panchayaths - Balance Works - Package II, III, V and VI, KIIFB Project: Tranche 14: WRD025 -24 - WSS to Ala, Puliyoor, Budhanoor, Pandanad, Mulakkuzha, Venmony Panchayaths & Chengannur Municipality-Package 3. **EMD:** Rs. 5,00,000.00, **Tender fee :** Rs. 19518, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 07-03-2023 02:00 pm, **Phone:** 04772237954. **Website:** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-1623-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Alappuzha

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1.	Name of the work	: 1 No of P.H. Work
2.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.231.53 Lakhs
3.	Period of completion	: 2 months
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of 15.02.2023 to 5.00 PM of 01.03.2023
5.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 01.03.2023
6.	Date & Time of opening of bids	: 11.00 AM of 02.03.2023
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No.EE-East/Lakes/Tend-09/2022-23 Date: 14-02-2023
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(Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
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Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Providing retaining wall, trash barriers and other developmental works at Ulsoor Lake, **Call-5.**	400.00	6,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Bid documents available from **15-02-2023 at 11:00 a.m. (2)** Pre-bid meeting on **20-02-2023 at 4:00 p.m. (3)** Last Date for Submission of Tender : **23-02-2023 at 4:00 p.m. (4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **24-02-2023 at 4:30 p.m.** (5) Opening of Financial Bid: After approval of Technical Bid. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-, Executive Engineer (East), Lakes Division, BBMP.

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3. **Tender No. 092/MYS/VARNIKA-25/2022-23 -** Supply of Pigment Blue 15:3 for Varnika at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
4. **Tender No. 093/MYS/MAINT(U)/2022-23 -** Operation and Maintenance of Utility Equipment (House Keeping) at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
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For downloading tender documents, last date of submission of above tenders and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in** Further corrigendum/ amendment to above tenders, if issued in future, will be notified on the Company website only.
Sr. General Manager - PP

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INBRIEF

Arunachal brews love for local teas on Valentine's Day

The Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board (APAMB) slotted the first Arunachal Tea Festival on the day associated globally with the commercial celebration of romance to "brew love" for locally produced teas. The event involving small tea-growers was held at a resort on the banks of the Siang river in Pasighat, the headquarters of East Siang district. The idea was to promote tea drinking among the youth and give a platform for tea-growers, entrepreneurs and marketing specialists for sharing knowledge and information, APAMB's chief executive officer Okit Palling said.

Microsoft, Adani against need for stake in cable systems

Microsoft Corporation and Adani Data Networks Ltd. have told the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) that telecom operators who run the landing stations for undersea cables – through which the bulk of global Internet traffic moves between countries – should not be required to have a significant stake in the cable systems they are connecting to Indian networks. These submissions came in response to a TRAI consultation initiated after the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) flagged the issue of Sify Technologies, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio not owning a stake in the cable systems that they operated.

Rajasthan's Right to Health Bill runs into rough weather

The Right to Health Bill, tabled in the Rajasthan Assembly on September 22, 2022 has run into rough weather before its passage during the ongoing Budget Session, with private hospitals demanding its withdrawal because of the provision for mandatory free-of-cost emergency treatment. The Congress government may find it difficult to evolve a consensus on the proposed legislation. Private hospitals and nursing homes have started boycotting the State government's health schemes, including the flagship Chiranjeevi Yojana, and refused cashless treatment to patients in protest against the Bill.

Shah presents President's Colour to Haryana Police

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that after the revocation of special provisions to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, there has been a drastic reduction in terror incidents, and tourism has got a fillip. He was speaking at a State-level function at the Haryana Police Academy in Karnal, where he presented the President's Colour to the State Police in recognition of its exceptional service. The President's Colour is a special flag given to a military, paramilitary or police unit as a mark of recognition for its services to the nation. Mr. Shah also paid tributes to the 40 CRPF personnel who lost their lives in a deadly attack on security forces in Pulwama on February 14, 2019.

Oppn. slams govt. for surveys on BBC offices

While Congress, CPI(M), AAP, Trinamool, PDP, Shiv Sena (UBT) condemned use of Central agencies for 'intimidation', journalist bodies said the trend undermines democracy and press freedom; Editors' Guild pointed to the timing of the survey soon after the release of the Gujarat documentary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition parties and journalists' organisations have slammed the Narendra Modi government over the Income Tax (I-T) Department's "survey" at the BBC's offices on Tuesday, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge calling it "an assault on the freedom of the press".

The Editors Guild of India (EGI) said it was "deeply concerned" about the Income Tax surveys, and termed it "a continuation of a trend of using government agencies to intimidate and harass media outlets critical of the ruling establishment".

In a statement, the EGI pointed out that the department's action came soon after the release of a two-part documentary on "the 2002 violence in Gujarat and the current status of minorities in India". It asserted that the move undermined "constitutional democracy".

While the BBC said it was "fully cooperating" with the Income Tax authorities who are at its offices in New Delhi and Mumbai, and hoped that the situation would be resolved "as soon as possible", the British High Commission did not offer a formal response.

Sources, however, told *The Hindu* that the British government was "closely monitoring" the reports of tax surveys at the BBC's offices in India.

Political leaders across the spectrum linked the timing of tax surveys with the release of the BBC documentary. Calling it an "intimidation tactic", the Congress said the action showed that the Modi government was scared of criticism.

'Brazen vengeance'

"Time and again, there has been an assault on freedom of press under Modi government. This is done with brazen and unapologetic vengeance to strangulate remotely critical voices. No democracy can survive if institutions are used to attack Opposition and Media. People will resist this," Mr. Kharge said on Twitter.

Action spot: Private security at the Delhi BBC office during an income tax survey on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Former Information and Broadcasting Minister Manish Tewari tweeted, "This raid/survey is so imbecile, childish & beyond even silly. As hosts of G-20, what are we telling the world that rather than an emerging great power, we are an insecure power. Whichever bright spark thought this one up is @PMOIndia's worst enemy."

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh used a Hindi idiom to attack the government, saying, "*Vinash Kale, Viprit Buddhi*" (A person's intellect works against his interest when his doom is round the corner).

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury took a dig at the Prime Minister over his often used phrase "mother of democracy". "First ban BBC documentaries. No JPC/enquiry into Adani exposures. Now IT raids on BBC offices! India: 'Mother of democracy'?" Mr. Yechury asked on Twitter.

Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha member from the Aam Aadmi Party, tweeted, "Modi ji, you have reached the heights of dictatorship. First, imposed a ban on the BBC documentary. Now raids at their offices. Don't forget Modi ji, Hitler's dictatorship also came to an end. Your dictatorship will also end."

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra asked, "Since agencies doing these Valentine Day 'Surveys' how about @IncomeTaxIndia, @SEBI_India & @dir_ed conduct one on govt's most valued sweetheart Mr. A?" Ms. Moitra's reference to Mr. A in her tweet was a dig at the Adani group promoter, Gautam Adani.

While PDP president Mehbooba Mufti alleged that it was "brazen hounding" of "those who speak the truth" by the BJP-led government, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said such a move ill-behoved a democracy.

In its statement, the Editors Guild of India said, "This is a trend that undermines constitutional democracy. The Guild demands that great care and sensitivity be shown in all such investigations so as to not undermine the rights of journalists and media organisations. Further, the Guild reiterates its earlier demand that governments ensure that such investigations are conducted within the prescribed rules and that they don't degenerate into instruments of harassment to intimidate independent media."

In a joint statement, the National Alliance of Journalists and the Delhi Union of Journalists said that "indeed a new era of undeclared press censorship and curbs on independent journalism is spreading to curb all forms of independent thinking aimed to numb all forms of dissent. This, in its opinion, is dangerous and ominous for democracy and smacks of even darker portents".

The Press Club of India said, "...such an action on an international broadcasting network will damage the reputation and image of India as the largest democracy in the world. We appeal to the Government to restrain its agencies from misusing their powers in order to intimidate the media and put curbs on the freedom of the Press".

The Indian Journalists Union and the Brihanmumbai Union of Journalists also voiced their concerns.

BJP will come back to power in Tripura with a full majority: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday asserted that the BJP would win power in Tripura with a full majority. He was speaking on the last day of campaigning for the Tripura Assembly election, with polling slated for Thursday.

Heavy campaigning is on for the Assembly elections in Meghalaya and Nagaland, where polling is due on February 27.

In an interview to the news agency Asian News International (ANI), Mr. Shah said his party "had nothing to hide" on the Adani issue and that it would reap the dividends of having "ended violence" in Tripura.

No threat from TIRPA

He dismissed the role of the tribal outfit TIPRA Motha in the polls, and said former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb's removal from the post midway through his tenure was done to "utilise" him better. "He is contributing both at the Centre and assisting the Manik Saha government. This is a promotion," Mr. Shah said.

> The BJP has nothing to hide on the Adani issue, and the party will reap the dividends for ending violence in poll-bound Tripura
>
> **AMIT SHAH**
> Union Home Minister

The Minister said the government had worked hard to bring peace and prosperity to northeastern India. He highlighted the peace agreements signed with erstwhile insurgent groups and the settlement of issues affecting Bru and Reang refugees.

He spoke about the number of airports developed in the northeastern States and how Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the region 51 times in his tenure.

In the context of the Meghalaya and Nagaland Assembly polls, Mr. Shah said the BJP was committed to protecting the cultural identity of the States and the various communities within them.

He said the nine years of the Modi government had dispelled fears of "homogenisation", and that education was being imparted in local languages. Local dialects were being promoted.

After a Parliament session dominated by the Opposition's accusations against the Union government over the findings of the Hindenburg report on the Adani group, Mr. Shah flatly denied allegations of crony capitalism.

"The Supreme Court has taken cognisance of a matter in this regard. As a member of the Cabinet, when the SC is seized of the matter, it will not be proper for me to say something. However, the BJP has nothing to hide in this matter. Nor do we have anything to fear," the Minister said.

'Not crony capitalism'

He added that there was "no question of it [crony capitalism]". "No one can accuse the BJP of any such thing. During their [Congress] time, their own agencies had registered cases related to scams worth over ₹12,000 crore," he said.

Asked if he saw the Adani controversy erupting right after the BBC documentary on Mr. Modi as a conspiracy, Mr. Shah said, "Conspire as much against the truth as you want, it will come out shining like the sun. These people have been after Modi*ji* since 2002. But every time Modi*ji* has come out clean and become more popular."

Why is Centre against a JPC probe if it has nothing to hide: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

If the Narendra Modi government has nothing to hide, then why is it "running away" from a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Hindenburg report's allegations against the Adani Group, the Congress asked on Tuesday.

The Congress's response came after Union Home Minister Amit Shah in an interview to the news agency ANI, asserted that there was nothing for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to hide or be afraid of in the Hindenburg-Adani issue.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told presspersons that he had written to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) chief Madhabi Puri Buch for an impartial probe.

Mr. Ramesh said that former party chief Rahul Gandhi would not apologise for his remarks in Parliament and would continue to ask questions of the government.

"When our leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge*ji*, raised the demand for JPC, their remarks were expunged," Mr. Ramesh said.

Responding to the Union government's stance before the Supreme Court that it was ready to set up a panel of experts, Mr. Ramesh said it was important to look at the petition filed in the top court. He said the investigation should be into the Adani Group and its ties with the government instead of casting aspersions on the Hindenburg report.

The Congress communication chief clarified that his party was in favour of encouraging private investments for the development of the country. "Our fight is against crony capitalism," Mr. Ramesh asserted.

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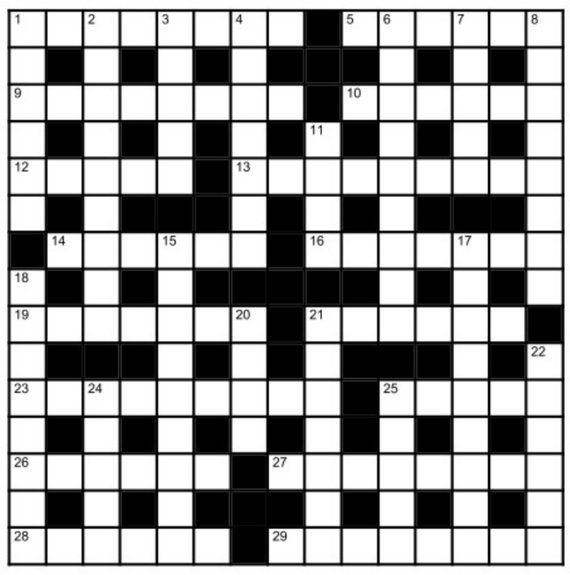

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1 Daily assistants missing one party game (8)
5 At home, friend becomes criminal (6)
9 Receptive and clever - so be it to move ahead (8)
10 Curse one tipsy Hollywood actor (6)
12 Provide final purpose when saint departs (5)
13 Trench map drawn incorrectly on stiff paper (9)
14 Part of nation restraining universal liberty perhaps (6)
16 A stone one turned in country (7)
19 California tale about one unit (7)
21 Excitement of fellow, one taking oath, initially lacking energy (6)
23 Not good to invent side game (9)
25 Society cannot be deficient (5)
26 Hook newscaster (6)
27 Thwart top performer sending back horse (8)
28 Hold ups of more than 48 hours around eastern lake (6)
29 Red scene needs to be redesigned for broadcast (8)

Down

1 Talk about the French cabin (6)
2 Unreliable engineer located a neutron (9)
3 Having knowledge of a type of pottery (5)
4 It could be a solar or lunar shadow (7)
6 Short rant about a guiding light (5,4)
7 Accept a proposal by engineer (5)
8 Leave nut to disintegrate after a period of time (8)
11 Charge about right? No charge! (4)
15 Make a mistake - it can break conservative region (9)
17 Account managed in retrospect with allowance (9)
18 Bad crabs dispersed in protective cover (8)
20 Steak cut, minced for food (4)
21 Passionate supporter, highly excited, lacking resistance covers area (7)
22 These days, accepting stress, made amends (6)
24 Sticker that is patterned back to front (5)
25 Comfort left in rescue (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Unchanging Brahman

In his Varadaraja Stava, Kooratazhvan celebrates the auspicious qualities of Lord Varadaraja. We speak of people as good or bad according to their qualities. Those with an abundance of good qualities are termed good persons. But why do we consider certain qualities to be good? It is because Lord Narayana has these qualities, said Kazhiyur B. Devarajan in a discourse. So these qualities acquire the "good" tag, because they are present in the Lord. His qualities cannot be described even by the Vedas. The Supreme One is the cause of the Universe. He is Jagat Kaaranatva. He is nirvikaara, that is unchanging. Achetana, that is, non-sentient entities undergo change. But the atma is unchanging. So the body that a jivatma inhabits might change in different births, but the jivatma remains the same. If the jivatma is born as an ant, it will have the jnana of an ant. If it is born as a deva, it will have the jnana of a deva. If it is born as a human being, it will have jnana accordingly. But even here, not all human beings have jnana.

So while an achetana or non-sentient entity has svaroopa vikaara, and changes form, an atma has svabhaava vikaara. In other words, a jivatma does not change form. But according to the birth it takes, it can have different levels of jnana. But the Supreme One does not have any kind of vikaara. He does not have svaroopa vikaara like non-sentient entities. Nor does He have svabhava vikaara like sentient entities. In Visishtadvaita philosophy, the entire Universe is considered the body of the Supreme One. So if we take this sareera sareeri bhava, then as in the case of the jivatma and the body, we can see that the Universe changes, but the Lord who is its atma does not change.

MANILA

Philippines summons Chinese envoy over laser incident at sea

AFP

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos (pictured right) summoned Beijing's Ambassador Huang Xilian on Tuesday to express "serious concern" after a Chinese security vessel was accused of using a military-grade laser light against a Philippine patrol boat in the South China Sea. The laser incident happened on Feb. 6. AFP

RAMALLAH

Israel troops kill Palestinian teen during arrest raid in West Bank

AFP

Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian teenager in the occupied West Bank early on Tuesday, Palestinian officials said, with the Army saying troops opened fire after the suspect approached them with explosives. The Army said Israeli troops were carrying out "counterterrorism operations". AFP

GENEVA

More than 7 mn children affected by Turkey-Syria quake, says UN

AFP

More than seven million children have been affected by the massive earthquake and a major aftershock that devastated Turkey and Syria last week, James Elder, spokesperson for the UN children's agency UNICEF, told reporters in Geneva on Tuesday, voicing fear that "many thousands" more had died. AFP

BANGKOK

Myanmar's military rulers to let people 'loyal to nation' carry guns

AFP

Myanmar's military government plans to allow people who are "loyal to the nation," including government employees and retired military personnel, to carry licensed firearms, but they must comply with orders from local authorities to participate in security and law enforcement actions, the military and media reports said. AP

In meeting with Raisi, Xi vows 'unswerving' support

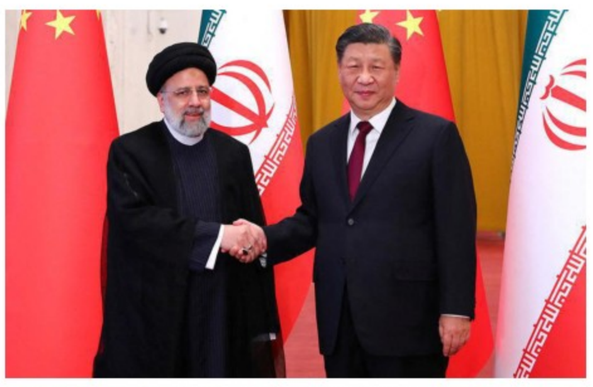
'China will develop friendly cooperation with Iran and push for new development of comprehensive strategic partnership, no matter how the international situation changes'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday pledged "unswerving" support to visiting Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in talks in Beijing, with both countries vowing to step up trade ties despite the threat of American sanctions.

"China has always viewed and developed its relations with Iran from a strategic perspective," State media quoted Mr. Xi as saying in Tuesday's talks. "No matter how the international and regional situation changes, China will unswervingly develop friendly cooperation with Iran, push for new development of the China-Iran comprehensive strategic partnership, and play a positive role in world peace and human progress."

Mr. Xi also added that China would support talks for an early resolution of the Iranian nuclear issue and implementation of the 2015 nuclear deal, which Beijing has backed while criticising Washington for its withdrawal from the agreement.



Show of support: Ebrahim Raisi with Xi Jinping during a welcoming ceremony in Beijing on Tuesday. REUTERS

Severe sanctions

In an editorial on Tuesday, the Communist Party-run *Global Times* noted Iran was "still under severe sanctions by the U.S. and China is the main target of U.S. strategic suppression". "Many of the achievements of China-Iran cooperation in recent years have been realised by overcoming interference and sabotage by the U.S. side," the editorial said. "In this sense, China's deepening cooperation with Iran also has [an] anti-hegemony and anti-bullying feature. Both China and Iran uphold independent foreign policies, firmly defend the principle of non-interference in internal affairs on international occasions, and safeguard the common interests of developing countries. This is conducive to promoting the multi-polarisation and diversified development of the world, and conforms to the general trend of the times. If anyone feels 'targeted' in this process, then they should first reflect on whether they are too selfish. The existing U.S.-led international system has designs to bully and exploit developing countries and emerging countries."

Iranian State media said Mr. Raisi was travelling with a large trade delegation, as well as with a number of ministers including those handling the economy, roads and transportation, oil, industry, mining and trade. One key issue on the agenda was taking forward and operationalising the 25-year cooperation agreement signed in 2021 but yet to be implemented, under which Beijing is reportedly considering long-term investments of up to $400 billion in various sectors of Iran's economy, from infrastructure to oil and gas, in return for supplies of Iranian oil.

Three dead, five wounded in U.S. campus shooting

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A gunman who killed at least three people and wounded five on a U.S. university campus shot himself dead on Monday after a massive police manhunt.

Thousands of students at Michigan State University were ordered to shelter in place after shots were fired in a campus building in the early evening, leaving two dead.

The gunman fled to the students' union, where he killed one more person, sparking a major police operation as officers swarmed the 5,000-acre campus. Police confirmed that the suspected MSU gunman had shot himself dead a short distance from the university.

Nikki Haley announces 2024 U.S. presidential bid

Agence France-Presse
CHARLESTON

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley announced on Tuesday she is running for President in 2024, challenging fellow Republican candidate Donald Trump by proposing a "new generation" of leadership in Washington.

"I'm Nikki Haley and I'm running for President," the 51-year-old former Governor of South Carolina and the child of Indian immigrants said in a video statement.

"It's time for a new generation of leadership – to rediscover fiscal responsibility, secure our border, and strengthen our country, our pride and our purpose," she said in the video shot in Bamberg, the South Carolina town of her birth.

Nikki Haley

Casting herself as a younger, fresher alternative to the 76-year-old former President Trump, Ms. Haley had been hinting at a possible run for weeks and teasing a "big announcement" on February 15.

In the end, she made her presidential aims official a day early, on Valentine's Day. Ms. Haley is positioning herself as a change-maker who can reinvigorate a party and country she says have lost their way in recent years, and she played up her personal background as a way to unite a nation strained by racial tensions.

"I was the proud daughter of Indian immigrants. Not black, not white. I was different," she said in the clip. "But my mom would always say, 'Your job is not to focus on the differences, but the similarities.'"

Ms. Haley is unlikely to be the last Republican to throw their hat in the ring. Some Washington watchers speculated that her announcement might prompt a stampede from rivals such as Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Mr. Trump's Vice President Mike Pence.

Beijing tells U.S. to investigate balloons

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Beijing doubled down on allegations that the U.S. has sent over 10 balloons since last year

China urged the United States on Tuesday to conduct a "thorough investigation" into what Beijing claims was a string of incursions into its airspace by U.S. balloons.

On Tuesday, Beijing doubled down on unsubstantiated allegations that the U.S. has sent over 10 balloons since last year.

"The United States has launched several high-altitude balloons from the U.S. that made continuous round-the-world flights, illegally flying over the airspace of China and other countries on at least 10 occasions," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

"The U.S. side should conduct a thorough investigation and give an explanation to China," he added.

Wang did not provide evidence of the alleged incursions, which he said started in May 2022.

Taiwan says it will shoot spy balloons

Associated Press
BEIJING

Amid speculation over alleged Chinese spy balloons, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday it would shoot down any suspected military object coming close to its shores from mainland China.

Maj. Gen. Huang Wenchi, the assistant deputy chief of general staff for intelligence, told reporters that the self-governing island was on guard for any incursions, but had yet to find any that had penetrated its defences.

Balloons found so far around Taiwan were used for meteorological exploration, he said. They were relatively small and light and would burst after rising to an altitude that could be threatening. Taiwan has yet to find targets requiring a lethal response, he said.

China, which claims Taiwan as its territory to be reunited by force if necessary, regularly sends fighter jets and other military assets into Taiwan's airspace and sea lanes.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson called the U.S. downing of the Chinese balloon a "clear overreaction." .

Ukraine's allies scramble to supply arms as Russia goes on a broader offensive

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

Ukraine's Western backers pledged at a meeting on Tuesday to keep the huge amounts of ammunition and arms Kyiv needs flowing to the frontline, as Russia battled for the devastated city of Bakhmut.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has knuckled down on his plea for Western aircraft after securing commitments for tanks, air defence and precision missiles.

But allies meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels remained focused on ensuring his forces have the ammunition, armoured vehicles and air defences they need on the ground to push back renewed Russian offensives.

Ukrainian Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov said the priorities were to protect his country's skies, bolster promised tank supplies and ensure ammunition stocks.

"Russia has lost, they've lost strategically, operationally and tactically and they are paying an enormous price on the battlefield," top U.S. General Mark Milley said after the meeting of more than 50 countries.

Oleksiy Reznikov

Ukraine's Western supporters – spearheaded by the United States – have already supplied billions of dollars of arms to help Kyiv hold Moscow back.

Now, just under a year into the war, NATO says Russian President Vladimir Putin appears to be starting a broader new offensive in east Ukraine. The Russian assault on Bakhmut has been spearheaded by mercenaries of the Wagner group.

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Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work of Improvements to Road in Koorgalli Industrial Area, at Mysuru Taluk & District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is: 24.02.2023 upto 04:30 pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4704/AKAR/22-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13/02/2023

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Indent No. 23733 for Rs. 103.21 Lakhs (2) Indent No. 23735 for Rs. 55.62 Lakhs (3) Indent No. 23732 for Rs. 59.24 Lakhs (4) Indent No. 23730 for Rs. 112.77 Lakhs (5) Indent No. 23731 for Rs. 148.04 Lakhs (6) Indent No. 23920 for Rs. 169.54 Lakhs (7) Indent No. 23799 for Rs. 63.25 Lakhs (8) Indent No. 23800 for Rs. 211.73 Lakhs (9) Indent No. 23801 for Rs. 67.77 Lakhs (10) Indent No. 23805 for Rs. 211.77 Lakhs (11) Indent No. 23810 for Rs. 54.81 Lakhs (12) Indent No. 21918 for Rs. 74.39 Lakhs (13) Indent No. 24013 for Rs. 71.39 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 14-02-2023 to 22-02-2023 up to 5-00 PM in Two Cover System. Pre-bid meeting held on Dated: 16.02.2023 @ 11.00 AM Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti (I.No.23733, I.No. 23730, I.No. 23731, I.No. 23920, I.No. 23800 & I.No. 23805). Cover-I will be opened on 24-02-2023 at 11-00AM (i.e., Technical Bid which contains necessary documents as per para 1.1). Cover-II will be opened on 01-03-2023 at 11-00AM (i.e., Financial Bid)** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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INBRIEF

SpiceJet dips 5% after SC asks airline to pay ₹270 cr. to Maran

Shares of SpiceJet ended almost 5% lower on Tuesday after the Supreme Court directed the airline to encash bank guarantee and pay ₹270 crore to its former promoter Kalanithi Maran. The stock dipped 4.85% to settle at ₹33.35 apiece on the BSE. On the NSE, it fell 4.71% to close at ₹33.40 per share. The court also directed the airline to pay within three months ₹75 crore to Mr. Maran and Kal Airways towards the interest component of the ₹578-crore arbitral award. PTI

Apollo Hospitals consolidated Q3 net slides 33% to ₹162 cr.

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. (AHEL) consolidated net profit for the quarter ended December shrunk by 33% year-on-year to ₹162 crore on account of contraction in Apollo Healthcare and Lifestyle Ltd. (AHLL) and Apollo HealthCo. Ltd. While AHLL posted a loss of ₹8 crore, Apollo HealthCo. reported a loss of ₹100 crore, AHEL said in a statement. Overall revenue grew by 17% to ₹4,264 crore. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹6 per share and it would be paid on or before March 10, AHEL said.

Trading in new cotton futures contract commences at MCX

Trading in the new cotton futures contract started on Monday at the MCX. The new segment was introduced on January 31. According to a release, the new contract is more representative and help real price discovery. It would also provide a platform for the textile industry to hedge its risk from adverse price volatility. Farmers would have a reference price while taking a decision to sell cotton in the market.

Adani says faces no refinancing risk or liquidity issues; AEL turns profit

Adani Enterprises terms group firms' recent stock losses as 'temporary market volatility'; flagship firm posts Q3 net profit of ₹820 crore vs. net loss of ₹12 crore, targets growth with moderate leverage and through strategic opportunities to expand

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI/AHMEDABAD

Business incubator: Adani Enterprises Ltd. says looking at strategic opportunities to expand and grow. AP

Adani Group flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) on Tuesday said group firms faced no material refinancing risk, or near-term liquidity issues in the wake of "allegations made by a short seller on the parent and some other entities of the Adani Group" and termed the recent rout in the stock prices as "temporary market volatility".

AEL also reported a third-quarter net profit of ₹820 crore, compared with a net loss of ₹12 crore in the year-earlier period. Total income surged 42% to ₹26,951 crore on account of strong performance by its 'Adani New Industries, Airports and Integrated Resource Management businesses', it said in a filing.

'Annuity contracts'

"The success of the Group is due to its strong governance, strict regulatory compliance, sustained performance, and solid financials that balance growth and deleveraging," AEL said in a separate filing, on the financial performance and credit assessment of the group's firms.

It said that the group's businesses operate on long-term annuity contracts generating assured and consistent cash-flows.

"Our total net debt is at around ₹1,96,000 crore, which translates to a net debt to run-rate EBITDA ratio of 3.21x," it asserted. AEL said since 2013, group EBITDA had grown at a CAGR of 22%, while debt had grown at CAGR of 11%.

"As a classical incubator with a vision of long-term value creation, AEL will continue to work with the twin objectives of moderate leverage and looking at strategic opportunities to expand and grow," Chairman Gautam Adani said.

IT lifts shares ahead of U.S. inflation data

Reuters
BENGALURU

Indian shares advanced on Tuesday, led by gains in IT stocks ahead of U.S. inflation data, while investors brushed off the impact of a bigger-than-expected jump in domestic inflation.

The Nifty 50 rose 0.89% up at 17,929.85, its highest close since January 24, when U.S. short-seller Hindenburg Research's scathing report on the Adani Group triggered a slide in domestic equities.

The S&P BSE Sensex climbed 0.99% to 61,032.26.

Adani Enterprises was among the top gainers, rising 1.88% after reporting a swing to a third-quarter profit from a year-earlier lossand saying it had made no "material financial adjustments" in the wake of the Hindenberg report. All the 10 constituents of the IT index advanced.The rise mirrored the gains in their U.S. peers overnight and ahead of inflation data for the United States, from where India's software exporters draw a significant share of revenue.

"Investors are finding safety in the IT sector... in the light of the Adani saga," said Anita Gandhi, director at Arihant Capital Markets.

Rents boost U.S. consumer prices; inflation gradually eases

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. consumer prices accelerated in January as Americans continued to be burdened by higher costs for rental housing.

The report from the Labor Department on Tuesday also showed the pace of disinflation in the annual consumer price measures slowing last month.

In the 12 months through January, the CPI increased 6.4%. That was the smallest gain since October 2021 and followed a 6.5% rise in December.

FM seeks quick fix for MCA21 portal glitches

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Acknowledging that many users of the Corporate Affairs Ministry's MCA21 portal have reported challenges in statutory corporate filings on account of "technical issues" since new forms were introduced on January 23 this year, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday directed officials to fix the problems expeditiously.

The Minister "today reviewed the matter and has instructed the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to form a special team to address public grievances on priority," her office tweeted.

She also directed the Ministry to monitor the issues on a daily basis, while noting officials have been working with the Institutes of Chartered Accountants and Company Secretaries along with consultants EY India, LTI Mindtree and the National Institute of Smart Governance to "solve the matter expeditiously."

"Many users of MCA21 portal have reported facing technical issues at the time of filing, since the launch of the new forms under Version 3," the Minister's office said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,032	0.99
US Dollar	82.77	-0.08
Gold	56,865	-0.20
Brent oil	85.7	0.03

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1749.70	32.05
Adani Ports	565.10	11.40
Apollo Hosp	4268.85	-89.80
Asian Paints	2777.00	-13.75
Axis Bank	870.75	11.65
Bajaj Auto	3876.10	-7.40
Bajaj Finserv	1398.60	10.05
Bajaj Finance	6458.70	113.20
Bharti Airtel	775.20	6.60
BPCL	331.15	-3.75
Britannia Ind	4599.85	11.85
Cipla	1028.35	6.40
Coal India	211.75	-1.30
Divis Lab	2791.65	18.45
Dr Reddys Lab	4538.40	13.70
Eicher Motors	3175.70	-76.95
Grasim Ind	1604.70	-17.60
HCL Tech	1125.45	12.45
HDFC	2718.75	18.90
HDFC Bank	1673.70	15.35
HDFC Life	512.05	-2.45
Hero MotoCorp	2542.50	-19.05
Hindalco	434.80	7.10
Hind Unilever	2579.60	-1.40
ICICI Bank	865.30	14.65
IndusInd Bank	1156.85	-0.50
Infosys	1593.25	25.80
ITC	386.45	12.25
JSW Steel	723.85	5.80
Kotak Bank	1770.35	-3.45
L&T	2191.65	-11.65
M&M	1363.15	10.15
Maruti Suzuki	8774.45	-35.00
NestleIndia	19082.90	56.10
NTPC	166.05	-1.80
ONGC	148.45	0.30
PowerGrid Corp	215.00	-1.00
Reliance Ind	2378.10	54.75
SBI Life	1161.70	-17.40
State Bank	540.85	3.35
Sun Pharma	1006.75	-8.50
TataConsumerProduct	721.00	3.20
Tata Motors	440.55	-0.50
Tata Steel	109.25	0.50
TCS	3500.10	17.70
Tech Mahindra	1012.05	9.55
Titan	2506.90	-12.15
UltraTech Cement	7139.20	-40.05
UPL	761.60	27.80
Wipro	405.10	4.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.56	82.88
Euro	88.79	89.14
British Pound	100.64	101.03
Japanese Yen (100)	62.43	62.67
Chinese Yuan	12.12	12.16
Swiss Franc	89.86	90.21
Singapore Dollar	62.20	62.45
Canadian Dollar	61.88	62.12
Malaysian Ringitt	18.98	19.07
Australian Dollar	57.51	57.73

Source:Indian Bank

Rane Holdings Q3 net jumps to ₹51.5 cr. on volume, prices

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Holdings Ltd.'s (RHL) consolidated net profit for the quarter ended December jumped almost fivefold to ₹51.5 crore from ₹10.6 crore in the year earlier on higher volumes and price recovery from customers.

Group aggregate sales increased by 22% to ₹1,662 crore. Revenue from Indian original equipment customers grew 15% supported by strong growth across vehicle segments, RHL said in a filing.

India will require 2,210 new airplanes by 2041: Boeing

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India will require approximately 2,210 new airplanes over the next two decades, of which 1,983 units will be single-aisle jets, while 227 units, or 10% of new airplane deliveries will be widebody aircraft, U.S. aerospace company Boeing said in a commercial market outlook for India released here on Tuesday.

Due to the rapid growth of domestic traffic, Boeing forecasts that 90% of new airplane deliveries to India would be for single-aisle airplanes like the 737 MAX over the next 20 years. "The Indian market is recovering rapidly and its domestic capacity has exceeded 2019 levels, with domestic traffic expected to double by the end of this decade," said Dave Schulte, Boeing's Commercial Marketing managing director for Asia Pacific.

Indian carriers would outpace global growth at nearly 7% and more than 80% of new airplane deliveries to this market would be for growth, while 20% of new airplanes would be for replacement of ageing jets, he said.

In addition, India's cargo market would also continue to expand over the next two decades to meet growing demand, Boeing said. The country's cargo fleet will grow from about 15 airplanes at present to about 80 airplanes by 2041, it added.

Tata's Air India to buy 470 aircraft from Boeing, Airbus

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India on Tuesday announced a 470-aircraft order with Airbus and Boeing, including 260 widebody planes, the largest order ever from any Indian airline and among the largest globally.

The order comprises 40 Airbus A350s, 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777-9s widebody aircraft. The narrow-bodies include 210 Airbus A320 and 321 Neos and 190 Boeing 737 MAX single-aisle aircraft.

The A350 will be powered by Rolls-Royce engines, and the B777 or 787s by GE Aerospace engines from. All single-aisle aircraft would have engines from CFM International. The last order from the airline was in 2006 when it signed a deal for 68 Boeing and 43 Airbus aircraft.

"It is not just the largest order ever made by an Indian airline, it is one of the largest single aircraft order by any airline, anywhere, ever, and testifies to India's unique combination of extraordinary scale and growth opportunity," Air India CEO Campbell Wilson wrote in an internal mail to airline employees.

The airline said the first of the new aircraft will enter service in late-2023, and the bulk will begin to arrive from mid-2025.

As an interim measure, Air India had already started taking delivery of 11 leased B777 and 25 A320 aircraft to grow capacity.

EID Parry Q3 net falls 14% to ₹16 cr. on cut in output, cost

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

EID Parry India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the quarter ended December contracted by 14% to ₹16 crore due to increase in coal prices and reduction in distillery production.

Revenue from operations grew to ₹727 crore from ₹686 crore, while cost of materials increased 13% to ₹645 crore, the firm said. MD S. Suresh said the company crushed 17.78 lakh tonnes of cane as against 16.17 lakh tonnes.

Sport

Nagal upsets fourth seed Peniston; Prajnesh goes down to Clarke

CHENNAI OPEN

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Tough luck: Prajanesh suffered a muscle cramp in his ankle, followed by a fall during the final set tie-breaker. R. RAGU

Sumit Nagal salvaged some pride for India as he upset fourth seed Ryan Peniston of Great Britain 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the second round of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger 100 tournament on Tuesday.

Nagal got early break in the first set to go 2-0 up before surrendering it in the fifth game to trail 3-2. The duo then traded breaks in the next two games.

In the tenth game, Nagal produced two brilliant forehand winners, one cross-court and another down the line, to seal it 6-4.

In the second set, Nagal lost his serve in the opening game but broke back at love to make it 2-1.

From there on, the 25-year-old held the upper hand and had a few more break points through the set, but couldn't convert it.

Eventually, like in the first set, Nagal broke in the tenth game with two powerfully hit forehand winners to make it 30-40 before drawing an unforced error from the Brit to seal the match.

Earlier, three other Indians faltered in their respective first-round matches, with only Prajnesh Gunneswaran putting up a brave fight against Jay Clarke before a muscle cramp in his ankle, followed by a fall during the final set tie-breaker, hampered his chances.

The results (first round):
2-James Duckworth bt Carlos Sanchez Jover 6-4, 6-2; Petr Nouza bt 5-Luca Nardi 6-4, 7-5; Dane Sweeny bt 6-Francesco Maestrelli 6-3, 6-4; 7-Dalibor Svrcina bt Alibek Kachmazov 6-2, 6-3; Dimitar Kuzmanov bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-3, 7-6(3); Max Purcell bt Sasikumar Mukund 6-2, 6-2; Jay Clarke bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(4); Hamad Medjedovic bt Leo Borg 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; James McCabe bt Yu Hsiou Hsu 6-1, 6-4; Jason Jung bt Harold Mayot 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(5).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

All-round show by Manjunatha for Caravan Cricketers

S. Manjunatha's all-round effort (71 & 7/34) helped Caravan Cricketers defeat Bangalore Indian CC by 112 runs in the KSCA (Group I) fifth division league.

The scores:

Caravan Cricketers 285 in 48.1 overs (S. Manjunatha 71, Nitesh 29, Mohan Narahari 36, A.K. Aniketh 27, K.S. Pavan 63) bt Bangalore Indian 173 in 33.4 overs (Timothy Sumanth Christy 42, Ashwin Tantry 36, Susheel R. Udupi 42, S. Manjunatha 7/34).

SJ Polytechnic 131 in 30.2 overs (Aditya D. Dani 70, P.G. Reddy 4/32, Prithish Jhaveri 3/24, Vishesh Navin Reddy 3/21) lost to Star Cricketers XI 134/1 in 12.3 overs (Vishesh Navin Reddy 74 n.o., K.Y. Ayush 44 n.o.).

YMCA (1) 138 in 34.2 overs (N. Manoj 31, S. Durga Prasad 39, M. Bharath 3/24) lost to Head Quarters 142/6 in 19.1 overs (Abhilash 56).

Oriental 184 in 32.3 overs (Samith Prabhu 27, Tejas Reddy 90, Manikanth 4/16, Ravi 5/36) lost to Yuvaka Sangha 188/4 in 29.4 overs (C.S. Aryan Kaveriappa 65 n.o., V. Bharath Kumar 33, D. Raghavendra 41 n.o., T. Srivardhan 4/51).

Young Boys, Kolar 188 in 43 overs (Muzakkir Sharief 42, Rajan 44, Ashwin Viswanth 3/39) lost to Unique 189/5 in 30.1 overs (H.R. Jayanth 32, R. Veeramuthu Darshan 52, Chirag M. Jain 26).

Govt. Arts College 67 in 19.3 overs (Yashu 41, D. Pradeep 3/26, Nikhil Srinivas 3/5) lost to Anekal Town CC 70 for no loss in 8.5 overs (J. Keshav 45 n.o.).

Vasanthanagar Cricketers 115 in 34.1 overs (Aryan Roy 34, Rajashekar Swamy 4/28) lost to Yankees 119/1 in 8.2 overs (C.M. Gautam 58 n.o., Saqlain 31 n.o.).

Jaidur Cricketers 276 in 44.5 overs (K. Somashekar 58, M.S. Sapthagiri 28, B.R. Yatish Kumar 40, K. Vinay Kumar 57, Prathap 30, Dhwaneet Rao 3/29) bt Vivekanagar Cricketers 202 in 41.4 overs (V. Akash 25, Rahul Ihjallikar 26, Dhwaneet Rao 30, Vismai Bahuguna 26, B.R. Yatish Kumar 4/31).

Friends, Kolar 191 in 42.4 overs (M. Manoj 63, Vinay Aswathram 34, R. Aditya Ram 48 n.o., Narendra 4/30) bt Bowlers 165 in 43.3 overs (Shivprakash Hiremath 42, Roshan Kumar 71, Rakshith M. Gowda 5/21).

SSK 327/8 in 50 overs (H.P. Harshith 41, D.K. Sagar 42, M.S. Mayur 28, K. Sankalp 60, M.S. Sridhar 73 n.o., U. Madhu 3/31, B.L. Gowtham 3/55) lost to Johnson 328/7 in 44.1 overs (P. Shashank 114, M. Manjesh 51, G. Harshith Raj 28, S.H. Nagesh 25, K. Sankalp 3/64).

Sufiyan scores a hat-trick in Md. Sporting's big win

Sufiyan Akbar Sayed scored a hat-trick as Md. Sporting FC defeated CIL FC 6-1 in the BDFA B-division league here on Tuesday.

The results:
Roots FS 2 (L. Mozhul-og 70+4, Darien Marcel Christopher 70+5) bt Bangalore City FC 1 (L. Mozhul 62).
Md. Sporting FC 6 (M.P. Thotrimung 13, Sufiyan Akbar Sayed 21, 31, 62, Nemreyo Mashangva 30, Adarsh Rajendra Kamagouda 43) bt CIL FC 1 (Swapnil Mallick 59).

State Para table tennis championship on February 19

Karnataka State Para table tennis championship will be held on February 19 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here.
The tournament will act as a selection trial for the National Championship. Entries close on February 18. Contact Pydiramu (9886489432) for more details.

BACK IN ACTION

Shreyas to join India squad ahead of second Test

Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer has successfully completed his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) following a back injury and will join the India squad ahead of the second Test of the Border-Gavaskar series against Australia beginning in New Delhi on Friday.

UPWARDS

Alyssa Healy, Chamari Athapaththu move up in T20I rankings

Australia opener Alyssa Healy and Sri Lanka captain Chamari Athapaththu are among the batters to gain in the ICC Women's T20I Player Rankings while Australia all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner has made significant movement among bowlers in the latest weekly update.

INNINGS WIN

Motie bowls West Indies to 1-0 series victory

Gudakesh Motie took 13 wickets as West Indies beat Zimbabwe by an innings and four runs in the second Test in Bulawayo on Tuesday. **The scores**: Zimbabwe 115 & 173 in 47.3 overs (Craig Ervine 72; Motie 6/62) lost to West Indies 292 in 92.3 overs (Roston Chase 70, Raymon Reifer 53; Nyauchi 5/56). Windies won two-Test series 1-0.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Leclerc in love with new Ferrari after Valentine's Day debut

Charles Leclerc declared his love for the new Ferrari SF23 Formula One car after giving it a Valentine's Day debut at the Italian team's Fiorano track in front of hundreds of passionate fans on Tuesday. The Monegasque beat Spanish team mate Carlos Sainz in a coin flip for the honour of driving the red and black car for its first laps.

Sure and steady Pujara set to reach a century of Tests

The seasoned batter, who is acclaimed for his grit and determination, will become the 13th Indian to get to the milestone in the second Test beginning in New Delhi on Friday

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Reliable hand: Despite his slow approach, Pujara has remained India's go-to man in Tests. K.R. DEEPAK

Today, when even Test cricket is expected to be played on a fast-forward mode, Cheteshwar Pujara seems to be the last batter of his kind. Available to play only the red-ball format, this battle-scarred warrior has been through a lot since making his Test debut against Australia in October 2010.

A landmark moment awaits Pujara on Friday. After 99 Tests, 7021 runs comprising 19 centuries and 34 half centuries, Pujara will become the 13th Indian to reach century of Tests with the second India-Australia Test at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground here.

Patience personified, Pujara has covered the distance with sheer grit and determination. Who can forget the nine body blows he took in the 2021 Brisbane Test? Besides his stone-walling tactics, he owns an array of strokes, whether caressing the ball into the gaps or unleashing some fluent drives in the 'V'. Pujara can test the patience of the opposition with his intentional, unhurried approach while unintentionally frustrating the spectators with his slow batting.

Not surprisingly, Pujara remains the only Indian to face 500 deliveries in a Test innings. Again, it was against Australia in March 2017 at Ranchi where he scored 202 off 525 balls. He surpassed the record of Rahul Dravid whose 495-ball 270 came against Pakistan at Rawalpindi in 2004.

In spite of being blessed with run-amassing skills, Pujara has often attracted criticism for his inability to rotate the strike.

Ironically, the man expected to reassure his teammates with his calm approach at the crease in challenging conditions, on occasions, has made batting appear as the most difficult task.

After Dravid's retirement, Pujara's role was well defined but it proved a tough ride. Even after long periods of struggle, if Pujara retained his place, it was only due to the faith of the team management. After all, when it came to providing solidity and batting in adverse conditions on overseas tours, Pujara was always the go-to man.

However, sometimes it is difficult to understand and justify Pujara's overcautious approach. In January 2018, Pujara needed 53 deliveries to score against South Africa at Johannesburg. In the process, he took away the dubious record of the slowest to score in a Test innings from Dravid who used up 40 deliveries for his first run against Australia at Melbourne in 2007.

Notwithstanding Pujara's old-fashioned approach to batting, his latest century against Bangladesh in December 2022 has brought the smiles back on the faces of the purists. After all, he is one of a kind. In all probabilty, the last one, too.

Women in Blue eye improved bowling show against the West Indies

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

Good augury: Smriti's return will be a boost for India. FILE PHOTO

Having got the better of Pakistan in the lung-opener, India would endeavour to put up an improved bowling show against West Indies in its second Women's T20 World Cup match here on Wednesday.

The Indian batters, without vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, managed to complete their highest successful chase in the T20 World Cup in the win against Pakistan.

The Indian bowlers were guilty of taking their foot off the pedal in the back end of the innings, allowing Pakistan to score 91 runs in the second half of their innings.

They will be keen to give a better account of themselves. With tougher oppositions expected as the tournament progresses, the Indian bowlers couldn't have asked for a better opponent than a familiar West Indies side, whom India beat twice in the recent tri-series.

India will breathe a sigh of relief that Jemimah Rodrigues, a proven match-winner, hit form after a underwhelming run as she anchored the innings but the middle-order batter will have to manage her strike rate better and go for the big shots.

The addition of Smriti, a vital cog in this Indian team's scheme of things, will no doubt bolster the batting.

West Indies, on the other hand, will be eager to register its first win in the tournament having been thrashed by England in their opener.

The Hayley Matthews-led side is enduring a wretched run, having lost 14 matches on the trot.

They will once again turn to skipper Matthews who has oodles of experience. The skipper is no stranger to delivering on the big stage.

It will be a crucial fixture for West Indies as a loss would knock the former champion out of the semi-final contention.

Match starts 6.30 p.m. IST.

The scores:

On Monday: South Africa 132/6 (Chloe Tryon 40) bt New Zealand 67 in 18.1 overs (Nonkululeko Mlaba 3/10); **PoM**: Chloe Tryon.

Mumbai Indians to take on Gujarat Giants in opener

WPL

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Mumbai Indians and Gujarat Giants will clash in a blockbuster opening match of the Women's Premier League (WPL) on March 4 while the final will be held on March 26, the BCCI announced on Tuesday. Brabourne Stadium here and the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai will hold 11 matches each in the inaugural edition of the tournament which will have 22 games – 20 league matches, one eliminator and final – being played across 23 days.

The opening match and the eliminator on March 24 will be played at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai while the final will he held at Brabourne Stadium on March 26. "On Sunday, 5th March 2023, the WPL will have its first double-header day where Royal Challengers Bangalore will square off against Delhi Capitals at the Brabourne Stadium, CCI," the BCCI said in a release.

"There will be four double-headers with the first match starting at 3:30 p.m. All evening matches will start at 7:30 p.m.," the BCCI said.

Women's Premier League 2023 schedule

Date	Time	Home team	Away team	Venue
March 4	7.30 p.m.	Gurarat Giants	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil
March 5	3.30 p.m.	Royal Challengers Bangalore	Delhi Capitals	Brabourne
March 5	7.30 p.m.	UP Warriorz	Gurarat Giants	DY Patil
March 6	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai Indians	RCB	Brabourne
March 7	7.30 p.m.	Delhi Capitals	UP Warriorz	DY Patil
March 8	7.30 p.m.	Gurarat Giants	RCB	Brabourne
March 9	7.30 p.m.	Delhi Capitals	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil
March 10	7.30 p.m.	RCB	UP Warriorz	Brabourne
March 11	7.30 p.m.	Gurarat Giants	Delhi Capitals	DY Patil
March 12	7.30 p.m.	UP Warriorz	Mumbai Indians	Brabourne
March 13	7.30 p.m.	Delhi Capitals	RCB	DY Patil
March 14	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai Indians	Gurarat Giants	Brabourne
March 15	7.30 p.m.	UP Warriorz	RCB	DY Patil
March 16	7.30 p.m.	Delhi Capitals	Gurarat Giants	Brabourne
March 18	3.30 p.m.	Mumbai Indians	UP Warriorz	DY Patil
March 18	7.30 p.m.	RCB	Gurarat Giants	Brabourne
March 20	3.30 p.m.	Gurarat Giants	UP Warriorz	Brabourne
March 20	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai Indians	Delhi Capitals	DY Patil
March 21	3.30 p.m.	RCB	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil
March 21	7.30 p.m.	UP Warriorz	Delhi Capitals	Brabourne
March 24	7.30 p.m.	Eliminator		DY Patil
March 26	**7.30 p.m.**	**Final**		**Brabourne**

Source: BCCI

Five teams – Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore and UP Warriorz – on Monday splurged their purse to acquire some of the best players. India's Smriti Mandhana was the top buy as she was sold for a whopping ₹3.40 crore to Royal Challengers Bangalore.

SC appoints Justice Nageswara Rao to oversee HCA elections

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

A three-member Supreme Court Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Manoj Misra and Aravind Kumar appointed on Tuesday retired Supreme Court Judge Justice L. Nageswara Rao to oversee the process of conducting elections in the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA).

The Bench was responding to a dispute between HCA and the Charminar Cricket Club.

"We are of the view that the impasse must come to an end and a fair election will be held. This Court is of the view that Justice Nageswara Rao would be suitable to be appointed to head a single-member committee to sort out the mess," the Bench ordered.

"He (Justice Rao) can take all assistance as needed. The expenses will be borne by the Association. If the learned Judge needs some directions from this Court, the matter can be placed before us for the limited purpose," the order said.

The Court also directed the HCA to extend all assistance to Justice Rao.

Ogbeche takes HFC past ATK MB

ISL-9

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Sealing the deal: Ogbeche's winner was the difference in a hard-fought match over ATK MB. FOCUS SPORTS / ISL

Mercurial Bartholomew Ogbeche showed his class scoring the match-winner in the 86th minute to script defending champion Hyderabad FC's hard-fought 1-0 win over ATK Mohun Bagan in the Hero ISL championship here on Tuesday.

Obgeche, who came in as a substitute in the 79th minute, stunned the ATK MB defence with his artistry on top of the D-box.

Picking up a perfect cross from the left-flank, he dodged past the closely marking defender Slavko Damjanovic to essay a right-footer which caught the rival custodian off-guard and trigger celebrations in the home team camp in the 86th minute.

After struggling to find the desired rhythm in the first-half, HFC showed better coordination and created more scoring opportunities but was thwarted by the alert rival defenders till that Obgeche magic.

The result:
Hyderabad FC 1 (Ogbeche 86) bt ATK MB 0.

Gakpo scores his first for the Reds

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LIVERPOOL

Cody Gakpo scored his first Liverpool goal as the Reds snapped a four-game winless streak in the Premier League by beating Everton 2-0 in Monday's Merseyside derby.

Everton remains without a win at Anfield in front of a crowd since 1999 and the Toffees were undone by Mohamed Salah's first league goal since Boxing Day nine minutes before half-time.

Gakpo has failed to live up to expectations since his January move from PSV Eindhoven.

But the Dutch international will hope a derby goal proves to be the turning point .

Important results:
Premier League: Liverpool 2 (Salah 36, Gakpo 49) bt Everton 0.
Serie A: Hellas Verona 1 (Ngonge 32) bt Salernitana 0; Sampdoria 0 drew with Inter Milan 0.

La Liga: Espanyol 2 (Darder 74, Olivan 87) lost to Real Sociedad 3 (Kubo 23, Sorloth 51, Cabrera 63-og).

India women to play first friendly against Nepal today

Pranay Rajiv
CHENNAI

The Indian women's football team will take on Nepal in the first of the two friendly games between the two sides at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Wednesday.

"India is a very competitive team and there is a good fight between us at the SAFF level," said Anant Thapa, Nepal's head coach.

The Indian team has been training in Chennai for the last month, along with the under-20 and under-17 sides.

"It is good for the youngsters to have their role models along with them. The seniors can help the juniors with experience," said India's head coach Thomas Dennerby.

The senior side is in preparation for an intense year, starting with the first round of the Olympic qualifiers in April, where it will face the Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan, with the Gold Cup and Asian Games to follow later this year.

India will be without its captain and key defender Ashalata Devi for both games against Nepal due to a knee injury.

Stiff challenge awaits BFC against Mumbai

BFC is in the middle of a fantastic run, having notched up a sixth straight win while Mumbai City FC is unbeaten this season

All set: BFC coach Simon Grayson could bring Sunil Chhetri into the eleven to replace Roy Krishna in attack. FILE PHOTO

ISL-9

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Bengaluru FC (BFC) faces a stiff challenge against Mumbai City FC in their Indian Super League (ISL) fixture here on Wednesday.

Mumbai City FC is unbeaten this season under Des Buckingham, and clinched the ISL Shield with two games to spare.

BFC, meanwhile, is in the middle of a fantastic run, having notched up a sixth straight win here a few days ago. The 1-0 victory over Kerala Blasters put BFC in prime position to grab a playoff spot.

BFC will be without the services of Parag Shrivas and Roy Krishna, both of whom picked up their fourth bookings of the season.

Head coach Simon Grayson could bring Sunil Chhetri into the eleven to replace Krishna in attack.

"Their (Roy and Parag's) unavailability doesn't change much. Even if they are missing, there are players who know our tactics and patterns. These players will be looking to make the most of this opportunity which helps us a great deal," Grayson said on Tuesday.

BFC will have its hands full with the Mumbai frontline of Jorge Pereyra Diaz (11 goals), Lallianzuala Chhangte (10 goals) and Bipin Singh (6 goals).

Buckingham will also depend of Greg Stewart and Ahmed Jahouh, who pose a threat with their range of passing and their ability to control proceedings in the opposition half.

Akshdeep qualifies for Olympics, Worlds

NATL. RACE WALKING

Sports Bureau

Punjab's Akshdeep Singh produced a big surprise as he broke the national record and grabbed the men's 20km gold at the 10th National race walking championships in Ranchi on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Akshdeep's time, 1.19.55s (previous best 1:26.10), also saw him achieve the qualification standard for this year's World Championships in Budapest and next year's Paris Olympics (entry standard 1:20.10).

Uttar Pradesh's Olympian Priyanka Goswami, the women's national record holder and Commonwealth Games 10km silver medallist, won the gold comfortably and also qualified for Budapest and Paris while former national record holder Bhawna Jat took the silver with a personal best time.

The results:

Men: 20km: 1. Akshdeep Singh (Pun) 1:19.55, NR (OR: 1:20:16, Sandeep Kumar, 2021); 2. Suraj Panwar (Utk) 1:20.11, BR; 3. Vikash Singh (Del) 1:21.08.

U-20 (10km): 1. Aditya Negi (Utk) 41:33, 2. Babendra Singh (Utk) 42:17, 3. Himanshu Kumar (Utk) 43:13.

Women: 1. Priyanka Goswami (UP) 1:28.50, Bhawna Jat (Raj) 1:29:44, 3. Sonal Sukhwal (Raj) 1:31.03.

U-20 (10km): 1. Mansi Negi (Utk) 49.01, NR (OR: 49.28, Reshma Patel, 2021); 2. Aarti (Har) 49.54, 3. Indu (Har) 50.01.

Champion Kerala holds Maharashtra

Sports Bureau

Down 1-4 in the 65th minute, defending champion Kerala made a stunning comeback and forced Maharashtra to a 4-4 draw in a Group 'A' match of the 76th Santosh Trophy National football championship in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

The results: Group A: Kerala (Vishak Mohanan 38, Nijo Gilbert 66-p, V. Arjun 70, John Paul Jose 77) drew with Maharashtra 4 (Sufiyan Shaikh 17, Himanshu Patil 20, Sumit Bhandari 34, Tejas Raut 42); Punjab 2 (Jang Bahadur Singh 75, Kamaldeep 82) bt Odisha 1 (Anand Oram 90+3).

Karnataka 2 (Jacob John Kattookaren 33, Abhishekh Shankar Powar 50) bt Goa 0.

LIVE TELECAST

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 10.30 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Champions League: Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Aussies need to lift their heads from the pitch, take a look at themselves

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

How could the No. 1 Test team in the world psyche themselves so thoroughly? First there was the Ashwin bogey and all that madness about practising against an Ashwin bowl-alike. Then they swallowed their own nonsense about pitch conditions and batted as if they expected the pitch to sit up and bite them any moment.

Of the 16 wickets that fell to the Indian spinners, it could be argued that most had little to do with the pitch. That Nathan Lyon, the most successful spinner on the field (461 Test wickets) claimed just one wicket in his 49 overs tells its own story. When you bat first and last just a little over two sessions, the doctored pitch theory works only if your opposition too struggle. But India made 400, Rohit Sharma demonstrating how to bat on the admittedly slow (but not vicious) surface.

Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja are two world-class spinners who in home conditions are a challenge for any team. To be fair, it wasn't the Australian players so much as their ex-players and media who kept raising the bogey of the pitch and bogeyman Ashwin before the match. Their pronouncements, often made sitting thousands of kilometres away, affected their own players rather more than they had bargained for. Australia have been known to raise an issue or two before a series, to put the opposition under pressure or throw them into some confusion. The late Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath and others did this consistently, perhaps as part of Steve Waugh's 'mental disintegration' policy.

It is an old tactic, but doesn't seem to be working against the new India whose biggest issue so far has been whom to leave out from equally deserving candidates for a slot. Shubhman Gill should have played, however you looked at it. Class and form, when they come together need to be given the opportunity at the right time. In selection, as in batting, timing is of the essence.

The patriotism of the Australian media, however was matched by the Indian media, especially television. Whatever Jadeja's intention in applying ointment to his bowling finger, the fact is that he did it. Only god judges by intent. Human beings have to go by actions. It was foolish and clearly against the laws of the game. But in the interim between the act and its punishment (Jadeja was fined 25% of his match fees), the offended Indian patriots turned blue in the face defending the indefensible. Whataboutery was rife.

According to the ICC rankings, Jadeja and Ashwin are, respectively, the No. 1 and No. 2 all-rounders in the world, and their performances reflected that. They have been underrated as all-rounders, and teams have paid the price for this. Clearly Australia couldn't find a Jadeja-like bowler to practise against, although it may not have made a difference.

With the third Test having been shifted to Indore from Dharamsala, it has been pointed out that Ashwin's bowling average at the new venue is 12-point-something; the implication is that the Indian bowlers are getting undue help from their cricket board. The Indore statistic is based on two Tests played three years apart; the sample size is hardly overwhelming.

The more important question about the shift is: why was Dharamsala allowed to remain a venue for so long when it was known that the conditions might not suit? Things do not turn overnight. As usual, the Board of Control for Cricket in India has given fans the lowest priority, causing many to lose money (especially those flying in from abroad) for no fault of their own. The writer R.K. Narayan once wrote that India is a country that lives in the eleventh hour. That was satire, turns out it was a prediction as well.

Home teams are getting increasingly difficult to beat, which is why India's back-to-back series wins in Australia were nothing short of incredible. There are three Tests to go now, and things could change around especially if Australia raised their heads from the pitches and looked at their own team instead. They will be presented with tracks that turn, both their batsmen and their spinners will have to work out how to deal with that.

If India don't get complacent and Australians stop whining on behalf of their team, we could have an exciting series yet.

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